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**Plans revealed for £32 million new
high school in Barry - see page 3.**

Gwen celebrates her century with a party at the rugby club



Centenarian Gwen Rees says the secret to a long life is "taking everything as it comes and dealing with it".

GWEN Rees celebrated her 100th birthday recently at Barry Rugby Club with family members and friends flying in from as far afield as Australia, Hong Kong and America.

Gwen was born in

Barry on April 11, 1919 and attended High Street School. She married her husband James on April 4, 1938 at Cardiff Registry Office and during an eventful life, lived in Australia for eight years.

She has four children, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Gwen, who still lives independently, received a congratulatory card from the Queen, 87 other cards and lots of presents.

She says she has been blessed with a happy life with a wonderful family and friends, and adds that the secret of a long life is "taking everything as it comes and dealing with it".

New hub for carers launches



Local carers, friends, funders, board members, partner organisations and staff from Carers Trust South East Wales gather to celebrate the launch of the new Vale Carers Hub in Penarth.

A NEW hub that will help unpaid carers in Cardiff and the Vale has launched this week.

The Vale Carers Hub offers a one-stop shop for unpaid carers to get information, advice and practical support relating to their care role.

A wide-range of specialist support services for carers will run weekly, from free legal and benefits advice to social groups. The hub provides a safe, comfortable space for carers to take a break from their caring role and also offers links to local organisations and groups.

A long-running free counselling service for carers is also available from the hub.

The Vale Carers Hub is part of Carers Trust South East Wales.

Gareth Howells, Carers Trust South East Wales chief executive, said: "We have undertaken extensive consultation with carers over the last two years about the type of support that matters to them, and we are pleased that we are now able to put this into action and ensure carers can access the support they need."

Emma Ware, a local carer and friend of Carers Trust South East Wales, officially launched the Vale Carers Hub. She said: "Identifying carers in the first place and then supporting them in the right way is a big challenge. I'm really impressed by the Vale Carers Hub, the facilities available and hearing the plans and vision for the hub is inspiring."

Call 02921 921024 or email vale-carershub@ctsew.org.uk to find out more about our new Vale Carers Hub.



Carers Trust South East Wales chief executive Gareth Howells is pictured with local carer Emma Ware, who has a room named after her at the Vale Carers Hub.

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AM welcomes Purple Shoots to the Senedd



Jane Hutt AM with Karen Davies, director of Purple Shoots.

VALE AM Jane Hutt welcomed Purple Shoots to the Senedd for their event, 'Does Poverty Mean Exclusion', looking at the impact Purple Shoots has had in Wales by helping people access affordable finance to start a business.

Ms Hutt said: "It was

great to welcome my award-winning constituent Karen Davies and the Purple Shoots team to the Senedd to hear about the impact their work is having on people across Wales to lift them out of poverty and allow them to start their own business, by giving over £1 million loans to 500 beneficiaries and taking people off benefits and into business and employment."

What's on and where?

Rhoose Community Cinema

WELL, here's another fine film for you... this gentle, sweet story of two of cinema's most legendary comics: Stan & Ollie (PG) on May 18, old friends and new always welcome.

Doors open 6.45pm, show time 7.15pm; all tickets £5 on the door or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/604094.

Family fun day in Dinas Powys

IT'S all go for the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre 'Family Fun Day'.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 18 between 12pm and 4pm next to the junior site of the primary school. There will be a huge range of activities and games for all the family.

The day also will be an opportunity to take a view of the beautiful refurbishment of the centre. Changes include a new room for hire and

a café area. There will be a bouncy castle, a paint bike, photo booth, junk modelling and Punch & Judy. Traditional working Meccano models will also be on show. If you like face painting it's the place to be.

Bethesda Chapel is organising football competitions and the sports play development team will be present, as well as village organisations such as Wild About Nature and Dinas Powys Fair Trade. The WI will offer teas and soft drinks.

Plants, preserves, glassware and home-made beer will be on sale and a barbecue will be in operation.

Readers' Letters

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'Common sense versus customer service!'

ON Tuesday, April 30, I attempted to visit the Barry Recycling Centre on the Atlantic Trading Estate.

It was around 11am and on approaching the

site, I could see a queue of at least a dozen cars waiting to get in. I only had three medium-sized cardboard boxes to dispose of. Consequently, instead of joining the queue of cars and adding to potential exhaust pollution, I pulled into

a side road, parked and decided to walk the hundred yards or so to the site.

As I approached the entrance, the operative who was checking each vehicle entering, shouted across to me from around 50 feet away stating that I could not enter the site on foot.

I responded by shouting back that I only had the three boxes I was carrying and that I thought I was helping by not adding to the congestion. Incidentally, I also had proof of my residency in the Vale ready to present to him.

In reply to my explanation, he simply pointed to the sign at the entrance that states you can not enter

the site on foot. My response that I was only trying to be helpful was met with deaf ears and indifference.

I totally appreciate that rules and regulations are there for a purpose but in my opinion, there should also be a level of common sense and, dare I say, customer service.

As I was walking back to my car, a kind gentleman who was patiently queueing in his car called over to me and offered to take the boxes from me. My thanks to that person.

Mark Jones, Barry.

'No thought given to X2 bus service users'

OUT of the blue, with no forewarning, it appears that the X2 bus route to Cardiff is about to change.

It will no longer go through Ely and Canton but down the bypass (no fares to be had there) and through the Bay.

Friends and relatives to visit in Ely? Shopping in Aldi or Lidl? A resident of Ely and fancy a day out in Porthcawl? Forget it.

Having gone through the Bay, where few wish to go, we are to be dumped at the rear of the Central Station. We then face a march to the centre along Saunders Road - intimidating in daylight and threatening after dusk. There are no

shortcuts.

No thought has been given to the problems of the elderly, the infirm, the blind, the wheelchair-bound and their carers or the young mothers struggling with a baby buggy and possibly a tired toddler in tow. Returning home via the same lengthy route, we must stand in all weathers to await the X2. No seat, no shelter; these we have at present in Westgate Street, a mere two minutes walk from the shopping centre.

A necessary break for the driver? Forget that too, there are no facilities.

This decision, which ignores the welfare and convenience of the travelling public, is lunatic.

Time for a rethink!
Patricia Price, Cowbridge.

'Llantwit Major needs a supermarket choice'

IN a recent GEM, there was an article asking for views to be sent to Andrew RT Davies on the prospect of opening a Lidl store in Llantwit Major and/or Cowbridge.

I think the vast majority of people living in Llantwit Major would welcome Lidl opening here.

We lost out on having

Sainsbury's here in Llantwit Major four years ago because of a ridiculous campaign to stop it happening.

We need a supermarket in Llantwit Major that offers value for money and quality - this is why at least 90 per cent of those living here shop outside the town for their groceries.

This is a waste of our time and fuel.

David Watson, Llantwit Major

Thanks to Good Samaritans

MAY I submit a big 'thank you' to the two people who rushed to help my 95-year-old mother when she fell over on Barry Road in Barry this afternoon.

The young man had already walked past when mother fell but he immediately ran back and helped to lift her up off the pavement and steady her on her feet again which, I might add, is no mean feat.

The lady was passing

in a car but, seeing my mother fall, she found the nearest available parking space and came quickly back to help. Both then gently helped my mother to her front door, taking charge of her bag and small dog, and made sure she was alright before continuing on their way.

At a time when the media are so full of negative news it is wonderful to meet people whose first instinct is to come to the aid of someone in danger. Both my mother and I are truly grateful.

(Name and address supplied.)

Climate Emergency action needed

GIVEN the declaration of a Climate Emergency by our Assembly, the First Minister should:

1. Put a stop to the Aviva-funded incinerator on Barry's Waterside and stop dithering on the EIA. The Welsh Government have to revoke NRW's license to operate; a license granted hurriedly without regard to the huge CO2 emissions, twice that of coal-fired power.

2. Put an end to studies of the M4 Newport bypass and the major new road link to the M4 to from Sycamore Cross

through Pendoylan, not only trashing the environment, but there is a huge CO2 impact from the concrete construction and extra car journeys induced by a new road, supposedly for trips to the airport (and Aston Martin's factory at St Athan) when public transport to the airport is abysmal.

Any other action would be 'business as usual' and an insult to the Climate Emergency protesters.

Keith Stockdale, Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth Co-ordinator.

Climate emergency? Time to take action in Barry

THE welcome realisation by the Welsh Government that there is a climate emergency, albeit holding the hands of the Scottish Government and jumping in before the UK Government, would suggest that Cardiff Bay has woken up.

Read the numerous statements by Welsh Government ministers on CO2 reduction. Read multiple reports commissioned by the Welsh Government on the need for CO2 reduction.

Read the letters of protest from its electorate to stop allowing CO2 pollution next to their

homes. Read the headlines of school children rightly worried for their future because of CO2 pollution.

The Welsh Government has taken 15 months and counting to find a legal excuse to allow the CO2-emitting Barry incinerator to operate.

My welcome comes tinged with sadness that words not followed by action by our representatives will leave our children in a far worse place than we are now.

Paul Robertson, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
09 Thur	10.12	9.3	22.29	9.1
10 Fri	10.58	8.9	23.21	8.6
11 Sat	11.54	8.4	-----	----
12 Sun	00.23	8.2	13.06	8.1
13 Mon	01.41	8.1	14.27	8.1
14 Tues	02.59	8.3	15.46	8.5
15 Wed	04.12	8.7	16.48	9.0
16 Thurs	05.13	9.2	17.43	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Plans revealed for new £32 million Barry high school

WHITMORE High School is set to get a new three-storey building with room for 1,100 pupils, including sixth form facilities, under plans by the council.

The new school would also have indoor sports facilities and an all-weather pitch and games court that will be considered for community use.

The proposed 11,000m² development, which will be built on the grounds of the current school, will cater for mixed sex pupils aged 11 to 18 and have 1,100

places, of which 200 would be sixth form.

It is proposed that the new school will be built on the existing playing fields to the south of the Whitmore High School site.

If plans are approved, work would begin in late summer 2019 and the existing school would remain open for the duration of the building work.

Once the new school is opened, the existing site would be demolished and redeveloped into sports facilities. A replacement caretaker's house is also planned, but is subject to a separate application.

The existing school, previously Barry Comprehensive, was constructed in 1966 and according to the council's planning application "is beyond economical repair". The new school build would be part of the 21st Century Schools Programme, funded by Welsh Government and the council.

It forms part of Band B of the programme, which is promising to invest £142.417 million in the Vale's school facilities.

It is one of two Barry comprehensive schools to be completely rebuilt under the programme, the

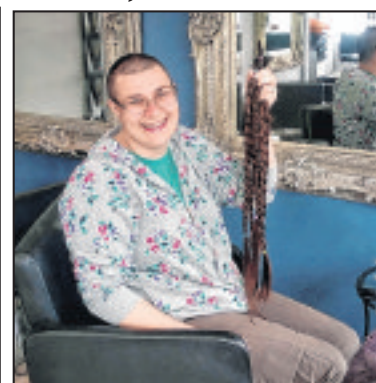
other Pencoedre High School. Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry is also earmarked for extensive refurbishment and expansion.

A covering letter for the planning application said: 'The proposal represents a significant investment by the Vale Council in partnership with the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Investment programme.'

'The current school building is generally not of a standard for 21st century teaching and learning. The proposal supports the Vale Council's commitment to establishing mixed sex education in Barry as well as establishing modern, high quality learning environments that meet the school's aspirations.'

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Head shave for charity raises over £1,000!



Emma Taylor before and after her haircut.

A YOUNG woman from Barry celebrated her 31st birthday by shaving her head and raising over £1,000 to support three different charities, including Challenge Wales, which offers young people the chance to learn to sail.

Emma Taylor had been a trainee on board Challenge Wales and sailing with the charity when she was 18 on its youth development programme. She then

became a Challenge Wales young volunteer before recently setting up her own local business.

Emma said: 'I've had long hair for as long as I can remember and I want to give something back to those who benefit from it more'. Emma's hair is being donated to the Little Princess Trust who make real hair wigs for young people who have lost their own due to illness. In addition, she is shaving the rest of her hair off for Challenge Wales and Medical Detection Dogs

who train dogs to detect the odour of human disease.

Thanks go to Blu Hair Design in Penarth who donated

their services and cut Emma's hair. Anyone wishing to donate can still do so at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EmmaHall43.

AM welcomes additional policing at Barry Island

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has welcomed the news that additional police patrols will take place on Barry Island during the summer months.

Following a much publicised incident on Easter Monday in which several people were filmed engaged in disorderly behaviour, Mr Davies contacted South Wales Police to express his concerns.

They have now confirmed that a multi-agency operation is under way, which will increase police presence on the Island up until the autumn.

There is also set to be an increase in local authority enforcement presence, as well as additional support from British Transport Police.

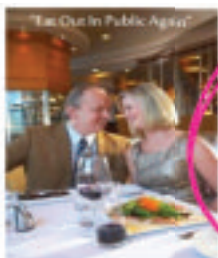
Mr Davies said: "Barry Island is one of the Vale's greatest assets, so I was deeply concerned by the incident on Easter Monday. The fact it was circulated so widely on social media had the potential to do great damage, so decisive action was required."

"We cannot allow mindless idiots to win, and an increased police presence will reassure everyone. We can now look forward to getting on and enjoying what I hope will be a prosperous summer on the Island."

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Plant and craft fair

PENARTH and District Lesotho Trust's annual Plant and Craft Fair is always a popular event and this year, it will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 10am to 1pm in Stanwell Baptist Church Hall, Victoria Road, Penarth.

The outdoor and house plants sell very quickly so come early - but there are lots of craft stalls including origami, vintage bags, jewellery, glass, pens plus bric-a-brac and secondhand books.

PADLT has used the money raised at last year's plant sale and other fundraising events to equip the kitchen at the TY Junior Academy and re-roof the bedroom block at St Cecilia's Centre for Teenage Mothers.

During last summer, a group of young people, adult drivers and trustees were able to visit Lesotho and see at first hand how important this kind of help is to the work of the local staff in supporting children and their families.

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Barry family raising money and awareness of Cleft Lip and Palate

JAMES Mason, marketing manager at Masons Self Storage and his partner, Lucy, welcomed the arrival of baby Oliver in October 2018.

However, during Lucy's pregnancy it was revealed that Oliver had a cleft lip and possibly faced other complications. Amazingly, one in 700 babies is born with cleft lip and palate complications and James and Lucy feel there isn't enough information around the condition.

Now six months old, Oliver has had an operation to correct the issues with his cleft lip and his family have already raised almost £500 for the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) and will be taking part in their awareness week (May 4-12).

James and Lucy have reached out to local businesses in their fundraising mission for CLAPA. The Business Centre (Cardiff) Ltd became involved and are hosting a fundraising event, which finishes on



Baby Oliver is doing well now.

May 9 at their centre to raise money as part of the CLAPA awareness week.

Why not come along and take part? There is a chance to win fantastic prizes, as well as helping raise money for this important cause.

James and Lucy's journey

James and Lucy first discovered that Oliver had a cleft lip when they went for their 20-week scan. They were also

informed that there was a five per cent chance that he would have further health issues once he was born, such as Down Syndrome. They were referred to the Cleft Team, who provided them with support, visits and reassurance.

Once Oliver was born, it was revealed that his palate was not affected: he just had a small notch in his gum along with his lip. This meant that Oliver could



The Mason family.

feed normally, allowing James and Lucy to bond with him instantly as well as taking away the worry that Oliver might have other complications. Oliver's operation was on February 21 at Morriston Hospital in Swansea, when he was three months old.

Eight weeks on, Oliver is thriving. He has had the same ups and downs as any new baby but is a happy boy and has embraced the change, already moving onto soft baby foods.

Luckily, Oliver only had a cleft lip, so his speech will not be affected. However, the Cleft Team will provide on-going support for years to monitor Oliver and his progress. The scar from the lip surgery will fade over time and eventually will be barely noticeable.

Oliver's mother Lucy said: "I think it has made us more aware as a family of how everyone is different, as well as realising how common it is for babies to have cleft issues."

"However, I think more awareness would help families when dealing with the same experiences we went through. I have been able to connect with parents of cleft babies and children through social media. It is such

a good forum as it gives us all opportunities to ask advice.

"I was only made aware of this once Oliver was a couple of months old, so I think awareness of cleft lip and the support out there could really benefit parents when first dealing with their diagnosis as it can feel a very lonely and isolating time.

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Vale teachers nominated for national awards

TWO teachers from the Vale have been revealed as finalists in the Professional Teaching Awards Cymru, hosted by Education Wales.

Leanne Pownall of Llantwit Major Comprehensive and Hannah Cogbill of Cadoxton Primary School were among hundreds nominated by pupils, colleagues and parents across Wales.

Leanne Pownall is among three finalists for the 'Promoting Collaboration to Improve Learning Opportunities' award. The award acknowledges those who have improved opportunities for pupils by encouraging collaboration between organisations – either school to school, school/college or with other leading partners. Fiona Greville, headteacher at Llantwit Major Comprehensive said: "Leanne is an outstanding practitioner who has a leading approach toward collaboration and improving learning opportunities for Llantwit Major



Hannah Cogbill

pupils.

"She demonstrates effective collaboration on a pupil and staff level, cultivating an efficient and constructive environment within the school, encouraging all to make the most of opportunities available to them. She also works closely with our MoD partners to ensure that military pupils have support, particularly if they are affected by mobility and deployment."

Hannah Cogbill

is among the three nominated for the 'Outstanding New Teacher' award. This award is reserved for teachers in their second or third year of teaching. It celebrates individuals who have demonstrated a unique and innovative approach toward teaching, and who are able to strongly support pupils and achieve outstanding results.

Headteacher of Cadoxton Primary, Janet Hayward, said: "We are extremely proud to have Hannah as part of our team at Cadoxton. She truly is a shining light to our pupils, staff and parents alike. We were thrilled to hear she had been shortlisted for the award and it is thoroughly well-deserved."

Cadoxton Primary School is also up for the Promoting Wellbeing, Inclusion and Relations with the Community award.

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What to do with Penarth's Victorian lamp posts?

ONLY a third of Penarth's Victorian lamp posts in line to be replaced are still standing, the Vale Council has confirmed.

Victorian street lights across the town have been replaced with new modern LED units as the council says they are structurally or electrically dangerous.

More than 1,100 people have signed a petition to save the Victorian lamp posts, fearing a 'loss of valuable historic character from the streetscape in Penarth'.

In March, the Conservative administration agreed to pause the replacements after agreeing with Labour to review the 'wisdom and cost effectiveness' of the scheme – in exchange for opposition councillors voting their budget through.

Vale Council leader John Thomas has confirmed that just 23 of the 68 cast-iron lamp

columns scheduled for replacement were still standing as of April 26.

He told a full council meeting that the LED replacement units currently being used cost £75 per unit, while replacing the Victorian lamp posts with a similar type of unit would cost £500 per unit.

Cllr Thomas said: "We always look to fit LED lamp units on any new columns. If these columns hadn't been removed, public safety could have been compromised due to the seriousness of the corrosion damage on many of the column heads."

Cllr Lis Burnett, who represents Penarth, told the outgoing leader that there had been widespread concern in the town over the removal of the lamp posts and asked for a review of the "wisdom and cost effectiveness" of replacing the lamp posts to be published.

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Facelift for Penarth Library

THE Vale Council will soon start work to restore Penarth Library's interior, as well as improving the quality of facilities on offer.

Changes to the library's first floor will include replacing water-damaged carpets and wall plaster, as well as repainting the walls. The area will be reshaped to improve its study facilities, and new furniture and shelving will be introduced.

Essential maintenance is also due to be carried out during the refurbishment, including the creation of an exit onto the roof so that gutter may be cleared and inspected regularly.

This is following a recent drone investigation, which revealed that gutters overwhelmed with debris were the cause of significant water damage to the library's interior.

The work is part of a larger scheme to refurbish the library, which will have around £30,000 invested into

the project to be carried out later this year.

Director of Learning and Skills, Paula Ham said: "This is the beginning of a necessary upgrade for Penarth Library. We hope that the refurbishment will improve the overall ambience and inclusivity of the space, and encourage residents to continue to make the most of it."

The work was due to start on Tuesday, May 7, and the completion date is Saturday, May 25, with the temporary closure of the first floor. During this time, the area and book stock will be inaccessible to staff and users.

Users are reminded that a small collection of books from the first floor will be moved to the ground floor and that they will still have access to all the resources and stock of other Vale libraries.

Group plants trees to tackle to help pollution

VOLUNTEERS from Barry Action for Nature have planted more than 300 trees along the northern boundary of Colcot School to help reduce noise and pollution from traffic travelling on Barry's busy Port Road.

The trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust and are all native to the UK. Importantly, they will also provide food and shelter for local

wildlife.

A spokesman for Barry Action for Nature said: "I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped plant such an amazing number of trees. It is becoming more important to find places where we can grow trees. Our towns need more places where wildlife can shelter and find food."

Barry Action for Nature's aim is to make Barry a greener and more wildlife friendly town, but we need local people to volunteer with us."

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Garlic and a guzzle hole for Penarth Ramblers

WITH the bluebell and wild garlic season well under way, a group of eight walkers joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers for a midweek journey to Parc le Breos on Gower and, heading into their first small wood festooned with garlic, a short climb led them into the hamlet of Lunnun.

Passing through fields brought them into the wooded Ilston Cwm and across footbridges over the Ilston Brook, locally known as the 'Killy Willy,' to the peaceful bluebell-covered churchyard of St Illtyd's for morning break. This church was the first ever meeting place in Wales for Baptists, an alternative new faith that was outlawed when Charles II regained his throne following the death of Oliver Cromwell, forcing its founder, John Miles, to emigrate to America.

A narrow sunken lane led them along a farm track and over a pretty ford for the journey by road to Kittle and a descent into the Bishopston Valley past a huge, deep Daw Pit, the result of the hillside collapsing from water pressure underground.

Slithering over slippery rocks, they visited the Guzzle Hole where the river disappears underground before resurfacing later and passed Long Ash Mine, where silver lead was mined.

With garlic as far as the eye could see, they trekked south through the valley to the coast, before pausing for lunch at Pwlldu where limestone was quarried from the

cliffs until the 20th century and taken by boat to Devon to be turned into agricultural lime.

A climb brought them out onto Pwlldu Head and along part of the Wales Coast Path where one lone man was toiling away, lifting huge slabs of stone to make a stairway up the cliff to avoid erosion.

As the temperature rose and with no breeze to cool them, they headed west along the cliff past Deep Slade and Southgate for the descent, followed by a climb through Pennard Burrows to arrive above Three Cliffs Bay with glorious views towards Oxwich.

Heading inland past the remains of Pennard Castle perched high above the Pennard Pill valley, their last descent through woodland led them through Parkmill and by road back to their start.

On May 11, meet at 9.30am at Barry Dock Railway Station for a six-mile moderate walk at Bryngarw; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On May 15, the midweek walk will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 8am for a 15-mile strenuous walk in the western Beacons; contact William on 07528 701 952.

On May 16, the popular evening walks begin at 7pm meeting at the Toby Inn Port Road, Barry for a four-mile easy/moderate walk at Porthkerry; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

For up to date information, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward



Rhoose Community Hall AGM to be held

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road is holding its Annual General Meeting next Monday, May 13 at 5.30pm at the hall.

Any local residents or hall users are asked to attend so that they can check on the way the hall is run and pass on their views to the committee.

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Housing development holds an open day



AN open day was held at the Vale Council's Brecon Court housing development in Barry by the Jehu Group, who are in charge of the project.

Gibbonsdown ward members Julie Aviet and Margaret Wilkinson attended and the aim was to answer questions about the £3.5 million scheme to increase the Council's housing stock.

Jehu are in the process of constructing 28 new purpose-built homes to meet local demand.

Located on the former sheltered accommodation site, the scheme will consist of nine two-bedroom houses, four three-bedroom family houses and 15 one-bedroom apartments reserved for older people.

Part funded by the Welsh Government, all of the new properties will be constructed to their standards for social housing, providing accommodation for those in the community that need it most.

Miles Punter, Vale Council director

for housing and environment, said: "This development is part of wider council plans to increase its housing stock and satisfy much-needed local demand for accommodation of this type.

"The proposals for the site were drafted after widespread consultation with interested local parties and should be of real benefit to the community. The range of different properties being constructed can provide comfortable places to live for families, couples and older residents.

"It also involves a previously disused site revived to provide an important function within the area."

Geraint Thomas, Jehu site manager for the Brecon Court development, said: "It was great to meet more of the local residents at the open event this week and we are going to be part of this community for some months. We find the best way to keep the site and the surrounding area flowing is to work with the community - this way we keep disruption to a minimum."

Men's Forum's visit to historic ship restoration

TO round off what has been a very successful 60th year of Barry Men's Forum's, members hired a coach to visit the docks at Bristol to view and explore the world's first iron-built ship, the SS Great Britain.

When the vessel was launched in 1843, it was the largest ship afloat and the first screw-propelled passenger liner. She could rightly claim to sail to New York or Australia faster and more reliably than any other ship.

At the dockyard, forum members were given a full tour of the vessel and the dockyard, created to look as it would have appeared in the 1840s.

The vessel was the brainchild of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and spent many years travelling the high seas but was later converted into a windjammer, conveying coal mainly to the American continent, a journey taking over one year to complete.

Her last owners were the Falkland Island Company who bought the ship when she limped into Port Stanley badly storm-damaged in 1886.

The vessel was then used as a floating warehouse for the storage of coal and wool and after 47 years, she was eventually scuttled in Sparrow Cove and abandoned.

In 1969, a businessman from Wolverhampton wrote a blank cheque to enable the wreck to be returned to Bristol. Restoration to return the ship to her condition in 1843 has progressed rapidly but at great expense. The gas used to create an environment to protect the ironwork from further deterioration costs £10,000 per month.

Members agreed it was a truly remarkable project and worth every pound spent.

Barry Men's Forum has now ended for the summer months and will resume on Thursday, October 3.

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Musical brings Blue Grass Cafe to Barry



Jane Hutt AM, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, Mark Collard (composer) with supporters at Waiting for Blue.

THE Waiting for Blue musical devised by Barry singer/composer Mark Collard was performed at Cadoxton Conservative Club on April 26, with Salem Baptist Church singers, opera soloists and dancers from Bridgend.

The Vale Over 50s Group were there in support of the musical which was raising awareness of dementia

in memory of 'Phil', who spent 25 years in Nashville Tennessee before returning to Barry.

He had fond memories of the Blue Grass Cafe.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "It was a moving evening for all those who took part and enjoyed the musical, with tracks from Mark Collard's *Waiting for Blue*; and I congratulate them on this event."

PACT in the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper' is every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

DYFAN PACT will be held at Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry, on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm. Meet your local officer at PENARTH

Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth on Thursday, May 9 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or see www.south-wales.police.uk for details of your local PCSO and contact them directly for non emergency matters.

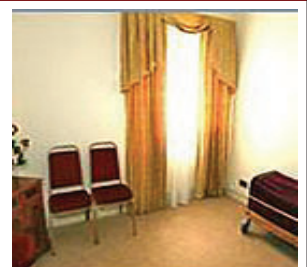
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Dinas Powys library trustees Chris Franks, Keith Hatton and Marianne Cowper with volunteers Mary Gilbert and Jan Griffiths.

Dinas Powys Library is open after revamp

THE Library and Activity Centre in Dinas Powys reopened recently after a major refurbishment. Volunteers had a sneak preview and were thrilled with the new look building.

A meeting room has been created which is available for hire and there is an attractive coffee area. The library opening hours remain the same.

Local people are invited to go along and have a look at the new facilities. The whole building has been remodelled; work still to be

completed includes IT installation, completion of the cafe and some minor work.

Keith Hatton, on behalf of the library trustees, paid tribute to Bethesda Chapel for the huge amount of support given to the library during the building works.

He said: "We were so grateful to be so warmly welcomed into the chapel and to have the use of a room to house the library. If residents want to volunteer at the library, the trustees would love to hear from them. Full training is given. Call 02920 512556 or send an email to info@

dinaspowyslibrary.wales."

The chair of the library trustees, Chris Franks, thanked the dozens of volunteers who worked so hard to ensure that the library reopened on time. He said: "It was a huge undertaking returning the book stock, toys and other equipment back into the library and into the correct places.

"The remodelling work, carried out by Precision Construction Wales, has been part funded by the European Union through Welsh Government Ministers."

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Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, May 9, there will be a demonstration by watercolourist Graham Hadlow.

On May 16, Cheltenham artist Sheila Bryant will give a demonstration in charcoal.

CAS welcomes artists of any level and visitors for demonstrations or illustrated lectures. The society holds a number of social events and exhibits in various places throughout the year. It meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm). Further details from the Old Hall or see www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

History Society
ON Thursday, May 9 there will be a change of speaker at Penarth Local History Society's advertised programme.

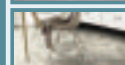
Andrew Kelland will give a talk on TWAM ('Tools With A Mission') at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth at 7.30pm. Admission £2 for non-members.



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Dinas Powys Community Cinema will rock you
'BOHEMIAN Rhapsody' (12A) will be shown at Dinas Powys Community Cinema on Saturday, May 11. Rami Malek won the Best Actor Oscar for his role as Freddie Mercury, in this biopic of the singer of Queen.

The cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. There is a licensed bar, with ice cream and other refreshments also on sale. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start and all tickets are £4.50. They are available on the door, can be purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Handmade Market
BARRY Island Handmade Market will take place at Barry Island Train Station on Sunday, May 12 from 11am-3pm; loads of lovely handmade gifts!



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Amazing research into dementia is being done right here in Wales

IT was fantastic to see so many turn out to support the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club's May Fair on bank holiday Monday.

The Fair was great fun as always and really brought the whole community together. I want to say huge congratulations and thank you to all those involved and who spent time organising the events throughout the

day – you did a brilliant job again this year. I would also like to thank everyone who supported me through the London Marathon this year. As readers will be aware, I ran my eighth London Marathon at the end of last month to raise money for Dementia Revolution and Guide Dogs.

Once again, I am overwhelmed by your support and generous donations. So far, I am close to reaching £8,000 in donations which will make a huge difference to both charities

in the work they do within the Vale.

Following the marathon, I visited the Dementia Research Institute in Cardiff to see where these donations will help to make a difference. I had the opportunity to learn about their groundbreaking research, which is leading the way in the battle against dementia. Researchers at the Institute are making significant progress and continue to explore new ways to find a cure for dementia by discovering genes which contribute to the risk

the disease and identifying therapies.

All your donations will go towards supporting the incredible work that these charities do in our community. This includes the amazing research that is underway at the Institute in Cardiff.

Don't forget, you can still contribute to the fund before I hand over the big cheques. If you can, please donate via my fund-raising page: www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairns.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 43 PENDOYLAN) PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, will create a public footpath from Bolgoed Farm, Hensol (NGR 304078 179633) along a track to Forest Fach Farm, Hensol (NGR 303902 179699), as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than the 6th June 2019. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 338 LLANTRISANT) PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish the public footpath running from (NGR 303771 179837) to (NGR 303806 179842) crossing land to the west of Pantaquesta Farm, Hensol as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the following public footpaths: No.336 Llantrisant running from Coed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) to the parish boundary west of Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 303771 179837) to a line running from Coed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) to the parish boundary (NGR 303811 179835), No.339 Llantrisant running from Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 304003 179902) to the adopted highway (NGR 304371 180027) to a line running from south of Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 304057 179801) to the adopted highway (NGR 304384 179963), No.36 Pendoylan running from north-west of Cefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) to Forest Fach Farm (NGR 303641 179760) to a line running from north-west of Cefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) to Forest Fach Farm (NGR 303641 179760) and No.37 Pendoylan running from Forest Fach Farm (NGR 303764 179759) to the parish boundary (NGR 303771 179837) to a line running from the access road leading to Forest Fach Farm (NGR 303902 176699) to the parish boundary (NGR 303811 179835), as shown on the Order map.

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Dated this 9th May 2019



HYSBYSIAD GWNEUD GORCHYMYN DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980 GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 43 PENDEULWYN) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2019

Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn, a wnaed ar 11 Ebrill 2019, o dan Adran 26 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus o Fferm Bolgoed, Hensol (CGC 304078 179633) ar hyd trac at Fferm Forest Fach, Hensol (CGC 303902 179699), fel a nodir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

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Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, a wnaed ar 11 Ebrill 2019, o dan Adran 118 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn diddymu'r llwybr cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o (CGC 303771 179837) i (CGC 303806 179842) gan groesi tir i'r gorllewin o Fferm Pantaquesta, Hensol, fel a nodir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

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Cowbridge woman selected as MEP candidate for Change UK

COWBRIDGE resident and local business owner Sally Stephenson has been selected to stand as an MEP candidate for Change UK in the European Parliamentary elections on May 23.

She said: "Over 3,700 people applied to be Change UK MEP candidates, so I am thrilled to be one of the four candidates for Wales."

"Like many people, I am fed up with the mess this country is in. The traditional two party system – and the politicians within it – has failed us. We desperately need to



Sally Stephenson

change the way we do before, local people with politics in the UK.

"I joined Change UK because they wanted to understand the issues facing this country, to never been in politics help sort things out."

Penarth man selected as Green MEP candidate

THE Wales Green Party has chosen a Penarth man as the party's lead candidate in the forthcoming European Parliamentary elections.

Anthony Slaughter is the current leader of the party in Wales and has been involved in Green politics for over a decade. He has been an election candidate in many elections at every level including Parliamentary, Welsh Assembly and local authority.

Mr Slaughter works as a garden designer and has long been engaged with a community-based environmental group Gwyrddio Penarth Greening. This involvement has included initiatives such as establishing a community orchard, a



Anthony Slaughter with Caroline Lucas.

local food festival and promoting sustainable public transport.

He said: "Not only are we the party that has always been committed to remaining in the EU and consistently supported a People's Vote on any final Brexit deal, but a vote for the Greens in this election is also a vote for the only party that truly recognises the urgent priority for bold action on the accelerating climate emergency and the need for major economic transformation of our profoundly unequal society."

Supporting older people

GVS is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for voluntary organisations which work with older people in the Vale.

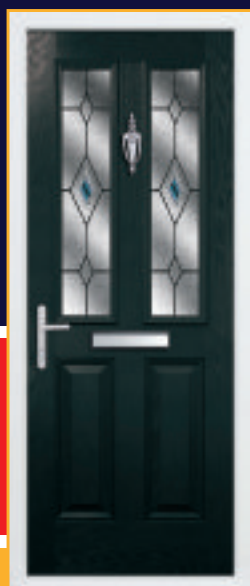
The Third Sector Preventative Interventions Fund opened for applications on May 7.

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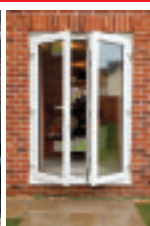
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Vale Photographic Club news



LEFT:
Nick Craddock's 'Scottish Wildcat' photo won the digital section of the competition.

A LOT has happened at the Vale Photographic Club since the last article, not least of which is that the club is now meeting in the new and improved Ystradowen Village

Hall, complete with new parking bays.

During April, the club held the annual Vale Cider Cup, sponsored by Vale Cider, in a competition between Bridgend Photographic Club and the Vale.

This was the third of the competitions, with the first taken soundly by the Vale Club, the second a draw and the third going to Bridgend, so honours are even for next year's event.

On April 26, the club held its sixth internal competition of the year with some truly remarkable prints.

The colour print section was won by Pam Lewis with her image of a cheetah, the mono section was won by Mike Davies with his frightening 'Cold Stare' image of a vulture and the digital section was won by Nick Craddock with his image of a Scottish wildcat.



From left: Gareth Poston, Alun Cairns, Bethan Applyn and Ben Butler-Madden.

Local runners celebrate finishing London Marathon

LOCAL runners Ben Butler-Madden and Gareth Poston celebrated crossing the finish line at the London Marathon on Sunday with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

Local running clubs competing included Major Milers, Seriously Mad Runners (SMR) and Penarth & Dinas Runners, all making

the trip to London in support.

Ben ran the 26-mile course in an impressive two hours and 32 minutes, while Gareth wasn't far behind, completing it in two hours and 49 minutes, with both achieving their personal best times.

Mr Cairns finished in three hours and 45 minutes, which he claimed was a creditable time, given his age

disadvantage!

After the Marathon, Mr Cairns met his fellow runners from the Vale for a drink to celebrate their achievements,

which including local runner Bethan Applyn, who was there to support them. They are all regular participants in the Barry Island Parkrun.

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Youngsters put care home residents in hot seat for 'inter-generational' project



A CARDIFF care home helped bring generations together on a project with The Prince's Trust this week.

Young people aged between 16 and 19, who are being supported by the youth charity to help get them into work, visited Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna, to meet residents who grew up in the area.

The teenagers were filmed interviewing the residents to find out exactly what it was like living in Cardiff and how the city has changed over the years. The short

films were displayed as part of an art exhibition about 'intergeneration' at the Stadium Plaza in the main atrium which has recently been refurbished.

The youngsters had their questions prepared in advance and enjoyed listening to the answers from the residents who shared lots of stories and funny anecdotes with them.

Tŷ Llandaff activities coordinator Melanie Geoghegan said: "We are proud of all our residents at Tŷ Llandaff and proud of the young people in our community. We were delighted to work with The Prince's Trust on this intergeneration project and

hope this will be the first of many partnerships between us.

"It was fantastic for the young people to come in and interview the residents, talk to the staff, and discover what our home is all about! We hope it has provided them with some valuable experience which will help them on the path to successful careers. We took the residents to see the short film at the Stadium Plaza and they absolutely loved it."

For more information about the Tŷ Llandaff contact 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.co.uk or visit www.tyllandaffcare.co.uk.

Vale Council reveals cost of consultants

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' cash in the Vale has been used on external consultants.

The Vale Council has revealed it spent £378,000 on 47 external consultants over the past two financial years.

They were used by the council's central education teams, social services, housing, planning, finance, IT and neighbourhood services such as highways,

rubbish collection and public transport.

Council leader John Thomas said the council's spend on external consultants – totalling £230,000 in 2017-18 and £148,000 in 2018-19 – was "good value for money".

He told a full council meeting on May 1: "Consultants are expensive but they do fill gaps where this council has

not got the manpower to carry out the studies and the work necessary.

"Although it's a lot of money, in the scheme of things if we employed people to carry out all that work and they had been employed 365 days of the year it would cost us a lot more."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Barry local history event DISCOVER
Barry's colourful history at Barry Library with a talk and tour with Nick Hodges.

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Sarah's '42 at 42' marathon

SARAH Miles, managing director of With Music In Mind, took on the London Marathon on April 28 in aid of Tŷ Hafan.

The race took place on her 42nd birthday so she raised funds under the tagline '42 at 42' – 42km at the age of 42.

Sarah said: "I am absolutely delighted to have finished the race and to have raised around £3,000 for Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice, and the money is still coming in! The work that they do for children with life-limiting conditions and their families is phenomenal and it's been a real privilege to support such a worthwhile cause."

After a 16-weeks of gruelling training, Sarah thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Her goal was to run it within 5 hours, and she came in at 4 hours 48 minutes, beating her previous time of 4 hours and 55 minutes 15 years ago.

The money that Sarah raised was via a VirginMoneyGiving



Sarah Miles completed the London Marathon with a personal best.

page, sponsorship forms, collection boxes, a concert by Indigo May, and a non-uniform day and competition at Y Bont Faen Primary School.

"A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in this venture, including Meinir Tuckey and Julie Kench from Indigo May whose concert raised £787 and Y Bont Faen Primary School, whose non-uniform day raised £212.50.

"The amazing Mrs



Imogen with her winning logo design.

Hayman organised a 'design a t-shirt logo' competition and the winner of the competition, Imogen from year-5, designed a delightful poster that was printed onto my running vest. The emotional support of family and friends through the training was fantastic, I couldn't have done it without them."

Cardiff Airport reaches 1.6 million mark

OVER the 12 months from May 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019, more than 1.6 million passengers have flown through Cardiff Airport, reflecting an increase of seven per cent on the previous year, making it the busiest year since 2009.

Passenger growth for the month of April was up 20 per cent versus the same month last year, with Cardiff Airport welcoming a total of 126,399. Passenger numbers at Cardiff Airport have grown by over 60 per cent since the Welsh Government purchased the airport in 2013.

An airport spokesperson said that growth in April was due to a number of factors:

- Low-cost carrier Ryanair added new services to Barcelona and Malta, complementing its existing flights to Faro and Tenerife. The airline will also launch

flights to Malaga in June.

- Thomas Cook added a larger A321 aircraft to its base at Cardiff and started its summer schedule earlier, adding a new route to Enfidha (Tunisia).

- Qatar Airways operated its first April service at Cardiff, as it neared the first anniversary of connecting Wales and the south west via its hub in Doha.

- TUI added extra cruise flights to Barbados during April. The airline has also launched new routes to Naples, Dubrovnik and Hurghada for summer 2019.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted to have reached this passenger milestone after what has been a transformational 12 months and our busiest period in over 10 years.

"2019 is set to be another exciting year and we look forward to a busy summer season."

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Drinking fountains to be installed across the Vale

OVER the upcoming weeks, The Vale Council will be installing drinking fountains on various popular sites across the Vale, at a cost of £40,000, aiming to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.

A council spokesperson said: "The free bottle filling stations will provide both an environmentally and economically friendly alternative to buying bottled water.

"It also comes as part of the council's improvements to outdoor spaces. Many of the areas have recently been upgraded, with some offering outdoor sports, gym and play facilities. The council hopes that the fountains will bring the spaces together, while also encouraging visitors to stay hydrated during their activities."

A total of 14 units will be installed, either alone or in pairs on the following sites:

Barry: Central Park, Knap Gardens, Romilly Park, Upper Gladstone Gardens, Barry Island Promenade.



The state-of-the-art drinking fountains are to be installed in areas with high visitor numbers.

Penarth: New Cogan Leisure Centre Skate Park, Cliff Walk, Penarth Seafront.

St Athan: Lougher Place.

Dinas Powys: The Murch or Bryn y Don Playing Fields.

Ogmore-By-Sea: Main Car Park.

In 2014, fountains of the same type were installed in Belle Vue Park, the first of their kind in the UK, that boast a triple tier fountain with bottle filling facility, disabled access and adaptations for dogs.

Five years on, the fountains are well-maintained

and have been deemed a great success. The units are extremely hard-wearing and with appropriate maintenance, should last 25-30 years.

The director of environment and housing, Miles Punter said: "This is a fantastic incentive to ensure people of all ages stay hydrated over the summer, especially in areas where they are being encouraged to get active."

Some units will be installed in forthcoming weeks, while others are earmarked for projects which will be completed later this year.



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Topstak-sponsored charity wing walker Vicky raises funds for MS

A TOPSTAK-sponsored charity wing walk has raised more than £1,400 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Vicky Jones from Gower was diagnosed with the disease six years ago and succeeded in raising both funds and awareness with her wing walk on April 25.

Vicky said: "I was totally delighted and exhilarated with the experience of wing walking. Until my diagnosis, I was always a busy person, a 100mph person; now I struggle to get up and dressed and the simplest of tasks takes me so long and tires me greatly. Succeeding in the wing walk feels like such a huge



achievement."

Kath Foot, who runs the south Wales MS Society fundraising group added: "Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition that affects the nerves. You get it when your immune system isn't working properly.

"Your immune system normally protects you by fighting off infection, but in MS it

attacks your nerves by mistake. The symptoms are different in each person and it is a notoriously difficult disease to diagnose.

"As there can be relatively little outward indication of MS, it can be easy to underestimate how profoundly this disease affects people. At present, there is no cure for MS, but with increased

funds we hope to gain a better understanding of the disease, and ultimately find a cure."

Adam Pedersen, director of family-run firm Topstak, said: "We were delighted to be able to support this worthwhile cause. It was very brave of Vicky to do a wing walk and we are full of admiration for her. Our sponsorship means that all the money she raised can now go to the MS Society, furthering this worthwhile cause."

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Penarth school's Taff Trail Challenge will help pupils

YSGOL y Deri is encouraging people to join, help marshal or sponsor those taking part in an epic bike ride – the Taff Trail Challenge – that it is organising on Saturday, May 18.

Over the last five years around £28,000 has been raised, allowing the school to buy specially-made bikes for wheelchair users and standard bicycles. They are a very well-used resource in the school and provide amazing experiences for pupils.

Teachers teach students to cycle safely, improve their motor skills and use cycling

as a way of calming before learning.

Each bike is made to order and caters specifically for an individual's needs and for this reason, they cost around £6,000 each.

A school spokesperson said: "Come along and join us at this event on Saturday, May 18. All riders have the option of starting the ride in Brecon, Merthyr or Nantgarw, so there is a route to suit riders of all abilities. Riders travel along a fully signposted and marshalled route that finishes at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth.

"There will be a bus leaving the school with bikes and riders aboard to get everyone to their

start points and for all of those involved (including spectators) there is a party and barbecue at the finish line."

If you would like to sign up to ride and raise money for this worthwhile cause, search online for the 'Ysgol y Deri Taff Trail Challenge 2019' or follow the link to www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ysgol-y-deri-taff-trail-challenge-2019-tickets-58154792550?aff=eac2.

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Rogen and Theron's Long Shot hits the target

SINCE Seth Rogen announced himself on the big screen in 2005's *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, he has gone on to show many facets of his ability, whether it's straight-ahead comedies, dramas

and even a stab at a superhero film (2011's *The Green Hornet*).

Rogen's latest film sees him star alongside Charlize Theron in *Long Shot*, where Rogen plays Fred Flarsky, a journalist who stumbles upon his first crush Charlotte Field – one of the most

influential women in the world.

As she prepares to make a run for the Presidency, Charlotte hires Fred as her speechwriter and sparks fly between the two – but can their two worlds co-exist?

A romantic comedy is a difficult thing to get right; after all, not only are there so many out there, but also we're well aware of the rules of the genre, which often makes the journey to the end credits something pretty predictable.

While *Long Shot* doesn't rip up the rule book, it does do enough to make for an uproariously funny and sweet offering, one that gains no end of goodwill thanks to the smarts of the performances and the writing.

It helps that the set up isn't a familiar one, and it also allows the cast to play their roles perfectly. Seth Rogen is a natural comedian, a warm presence on which to anchor your film, and while his character doesn't wildly diverge from the type of roles he's played before in films of this ilk, he has enough winning charm to make him hugely likeable.

Charlize Theron may not be noted for comedy, but has worked with some top comedy directors and has yet to disgrace herself (we'll gloss over Seth

McFarlane's *A Million Ways To Die In The West*), and while she has the straight role here, seeing her cut loose and share a great chemistry with Rogen makes the film all the more satisfying.

The pair's journey from old friends rekindling an association to love may carry some well-worn tropes, but the situations they find themselves in and the way they are presented means you won't be left feeling overly familiar, Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah's script making sure of that.

There's a robust backbone to the love plot which sees the impact of global media on politics and our perceptions of those in the public eye that beef up moments where the comedy naturally sags. It's more *Veep* than *The American President* in tone (and I mean that as a compliment to both), but it balances the laughs with a some slightly more serious moments that speak to the modern world.

Jonathan Levine's filmography has been somewhat stop-start, every *The Wackness* leavened by a *Snatched*, but he shows confidence here that highlights how good he can be. Having worked with Rogen twice before (in cancer dramedy *50/50* and 2015's *The Night Before*), it's clear that

the pair share an easy chemistry, but Levine's strength is drawing strong turns not just from the central pair but also the likes of June Diane Raphael's flinty assistant, O'Shea Jackson, as Fred's best friend and Bob Odenkirk, as the incumbent President who wants to make the leap into movies.

The film does a stumble (as the majority of these films do) around the two-thirds stage, as plot contrivance means the laughs are swapped

for emotion before the big climax, while the ending feels a little wrapped in a bow and doesn't quite have the same realism that the film has striven for from the get-go.

That said, given a laugh count that you don't normally find in a rom-com and some charming and hilarious performances from the cast, *Long Shot* hits the target in a film that is well worth your attention.

VERDICT: Seth Rogen and Charlize

Theron make for a great pairing in *Long Shot*, a romantic comedy that does enough to pull away from genre type to make it a wholly worthwhile watch. Great performance, a script with one foot in the real world from Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah and Jonathan Levine's strong direction make this a huge success.

Recommended.

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Classic cars in Cardiff

ON Sunday, May 19, South Wales Classic Car Club, recently voted as one of the top 10 classic car clubs in the UK by readers of *Practical Classics* magazine, will be presenting their 34th annual classic car show at Cardiff City Football Stadium car park, off Leckwith Road, Cardiff, the fifth event at this venue.

The club, which was formed in 1983, has presented an annual show since 1985 and has

donated over £200,000 to local charities.

The show is organised by members of the club with no outside sponsorship. Visitors are sure to have an enjoyable day out, with their attendance benefiting local charitable organisations.

Anyone with an interest in classic cars, whether they own one or not, is welcome to attend a regular club night at Pontyclun Athletic Club, Castan Road, Pontyclun. For further information, visit swccc.net or contact Chris Lewis on 01446 796601.

Discover the Vale Walking Festival as it celebrates its 10th birthday

WITH the Vale looking its stunning best this month, the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival launches a magical programme to celebrate its 10th year.

Organised by Valeways, the walking charity, the festival runs from May 21-26 and its theme is 'Discovery'.

The Vale has been called the

UK's best kept secret. Explore those secrets close up when you join this year's programme of expertly guided walks.

Festival highlights include a trek round the thrilling terrain of Dunraven, with its tipsy cliffs and golden sands (iconic location site for Doctor Who); you can follow the footsteps of maverick Welsh historian Iolo Morganwg; revisit the pretty village of Llancarfan

with its famous medieval wall-paintings, and do some sleuthing around Victorian Barry Docks, exploring its murky history of murder, stabbings and ladies of the night.

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Quiz and fair for Cancer Research UK

PENARTH committee for Cancer Research UK will be holding two summer events – a charity quiz night and a summer fair.

The quiz night will be at Penarth Conservative Club on Friday, June 14, doors open at 7pm and the first question at 7.30pm, with up to six people per team.

Contact the committee to register interest by email crukpenarth@outlook.com or by calling 02920 531933. The cost is £5 per head, which will include nibbles.

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There is also a bar and a raffle.

The second event is a summer fair at Penarth Conservative Club on Saturday, July 6, from 10am until 12 noon.

Entry will be £1, which will include tea, coffee and biscuits. There will be the usual selection of stalls including home-made cakes, preserves and plants.

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TV's Weatherman Walking strolls through Porthcawl

WALES' favourite weatherman, Derek Brockway, is wrapping up his latest series of Weatherman Walking with a stroll to Southerndown from Porthcawl (Friday, May 17).

The eight-part series saw Derek hike along beautiful stretches of the 870-mile Welsh Coastal Path.

In the last episode, the meteorologist and rambler will embark on an 11-mile trek from the Porthcawl lighthouse. Derek calls in to the Coastwatch station

to give local sailors a weather forecast before joining the lifeboat crew next door in a timed drill before carrying on along the coast.

His walk takes in Trecco Bay and Newtown beach before he crosses the Merthyr Mawr dunes, where he attempts some sand sledding. He then goes on to Ogmore to give his legs a rest by exploring the local landscape from horseback.

After joining a sea angler and trying his hand at fishing from the rocks, he embarks on the final section of his stroll. Accompanied by members of the Welsh Women Walking group, Derek draws the series to a close on Dunraven

Beach in Southerndown.

Derek said: "This walk isn't too far for me to travel and I really enjoyed this one, as it took in the village of Merthyr Mawr and its thatched cottages. Visiting the dunes felt like being transported to another planet and I had a lot of fun sledding down the highest dune known as the 'Big Dipper'. The walk had a lot of variety and it was lovely to end on the beach looking out over the Bristol Channel."

Weatherman Walking can be seen next Friday (17 May, BBC One Wales, 7.30pm) or catch up on BBC iPlayer where maps of all Derek's walks can be downloaded.

Barry power station set to be demolished

A POWER station in the Vale is a step closer to being demolished after more than two decades in operation.

Barry Power Station stopped running on March 31 after its owner Centrica failed to secure a new contract to continue supplying electricity, which would have allowed the site to keep operating.

Centrica has now told the Vale Council it intends to demolish much of the site in Sully Moors Road, Sully including the 60m high stack, above ground installations, turbine hall, administration block, water treatment tank and oil tanks.

The 230MW gas fired power

station had been running since September 1998 and up until its closure, had been supplying the National Grid when required on a short term contract.

After failing to secure another contract for the site, Centrica deemed Barry Power Station no longer commercially viable.

Barry Power Station had launched a consultation with staff on the planned closure last year and 19 jobs were put at risk.

In a statement to the council, the company said: "Centrica has worked extensively to explore options to retain the power plant as a part of the Centrica Power Plant portfolio. However, competition

with newer, more efficient and flexible assets, has meant that the site has unfortunately reached the end of its viable life and Centrica have not managed to find an operational, or commercially viable, solution to retain this asset.

"Centrica ceased operations at the site on March 31, when all commercial obligations concluded; and are proposing to undertake demolition work to return the site to an appropriate condition."

Demolition works are expected to start by the summer and last for up to eight months.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Community Fund donation gives Scouts spring in their step



THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group has become one of the first recipients of a new community initiative in south Wales.

The group has received £1,000 from the Barratt and David Wilson Homes Community Fund, which donates £1,000 each month to a charity or organisation which improves the quality of life for those living in the region.

Daniel Davies, chairman of 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group said the donation would be of huge assistance for the group and really boosts recognition

of its activities and team efforts.

He said: "It is great to see a business supporting the local community which will help us complete our Scout hall with new disabled facilities, kitchen and function rooms. We have secured the main funding for the building work and this donation will help contribute to complete the final fit-out work."

Steve Williams, managing director of Barratt Homes in south Wales, said: "Being able to support organisations like this is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do."

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils win prizes at Art eisteddfod

SEVEN pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg - both primary and secondary, were successful at the arts and crafts competition at the county level of Eisteddfod yr Urdd.

The pupils who were awarded the prizes from the secondary were Mali Rhys-Dillon (year-9) and Osian-Wyn Perkins-Rudge (year-8).

From the primary were Lowri Thomas, Seren Thomas, Steffian Phillips, Taliesin Griffiths and Meagan Phillips. This year, the pupils reacted to the title 'Bwrlwm', which translates to 'hustle and bustle'. The whole school got creative as altogether, they enjoyed eight first prizes, four second prizes and and



six third place.

They will now go on to compete at national level. All award-winning works will be displayed at the National Eisteddfod yr Urdd which will be held in Cardiff Bay.

The Eisteddfod will run from May 27 to June 1 with free entry to the stalls, and tickets for the pavilion on sale at www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/eisteddfod-2019/tickets/.



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Other terrestrial services that offer Freeview channels such as YouView, BT TV and TalkTalk will also be affected. Satellite and cable TV are not affected.



Council Leader sets date for departure

A NEW leader of the Vale Council could be appointed on May 20, it has been announced.

Council leader John Thomas was deposed as leader of the Vale Conservatives by Cllr Vincent Bailey following a party annual general meeting this week.

Cllr Thomas, who has already said he will step down, told a full council meeting on May 1 that he intends to stay on as leader until the new one has been appointed – which may be at the council's annual general meeting on May 20.

The outgoing leader said he was "disappointed" he did not have the support of the Conservative group but that he had led the group to the best of his ability.

He said it had "not been easy" to protect council services amid cuts to local government funding.

Delivering what promises to be his

final speech as leader to full council, Cllr Thomas said he "did not take up the position of leader to be popular or further my own political ambitions" but instead to ensure Vale residents get the "best possible services".

"It would be easy to make decisions based on what the vocal minority may say in order to secure votes in the next election. But what we must remember is many more vulnerable members of our society who rely on our services more than most do not have a voice, and probably many of them do not use their vote."

Cllr Thomas thanked councillors of all parties for "putting the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan first."

The leaders of Labour, Plaid Cymru and Llantwit First thanked Cllr Thomas for his work as leader and described him as "co-operative".

Matt Discombe

Local democracy reporter

Teaching the teachers is inspiring the leaders of tomorrow



St Cyres School assistant headteacher Robert Bruton (left) and headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks.

ST Cyres School, Penarth is a finalist in the Vocational Qualification (VQ) Awards 2019.

The school introduced the Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership and Management for its teaching staff in 2016, and its efforts have been recognised by making the final.

The school has enrolled a total of 20 learners, with a number going on to secure promotions as a direct result of the improved knowledge and understanding gained through the programme.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher said: "By investing in staff learning and development, the benefits have filtered through the school. As such, motivation and passion for learning has been infectious for our students."

"As a school, we actively encourage our aspiring leaders to undertake vocational qualifications and we positively promote parity of esteem between academic and vocational learning."

"As a learning organisation, we are passionate about empowering staff, not just enabling the modelling of learning to pupils, but growing learning leadership."

"We are delighted to be shortlisted for this year's VQ Awards."

The school has worked closely with Portal Training and Gwawr Booth, managing director of the company,

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HQ2 The Salon celebrate move to High Street

HQ2 The Salon recently held a launch party to celebrate their move to 11 High Street, Barry.

A spokesperson said: "What a huge success our launch party was. We would like to thank all our lovely

clients who came and supported us! We feel very lucky that after 18 years we still have the support of our amazing clients."

"Also a huge thank you goes to our team at HQ2 – Lucy, Kate, Mollie and Georgia – for helping us make HQ2 such a success!"

Advice at Age Connects

ARE you disabled or have difficulty accessing public transport?

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Legal advice
A free legal advice session will take place

on Will making, Power of Attorney and Living Wills with an advisor from a legal team based in Barry on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

Care and repair
Are you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale and need advice or support on repairs or home improvements to make life easier?

Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes,

give advice on grants available and supply information on reputable companies to use.

A drop-in information session takes place on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

All sessions take place at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop at 38, Holton Road, Barry. No appointments needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

What's on, and where?

AM surgery
JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB Offices, Barry, CF62 7TZ on Saturday, May 11 from 10am-11am; no appointment necessary.

Llantwit Repair Cafe
THE Repair Cafe will be back in Llantwit Major Saturday, May 11 from 10am until noon in Bethel church hall.

New this month we will be offering free safety checks for bicycles, both for children and adults, in readiness for good cycling weather over the summer. Our team of volunteers have already been challenged with a wide range of portable household items, so please feel free to challenge us some more, while we have a cafe alongside with refreshments! We do not charge to fix an item, unless replacement parts are needed. Hope to see you there.

Councillors' surgery
CLLRS Andrew RT Davies and Gordon

Kemp will hold a surgery on Saturday, May 11 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhosne. No appointment necessary.

Dementia Friends coffee morning
LLANTWIT Major Dementia Friends are holding their inaugural coffee morning from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 11 at Llantwit Hall.

The group are setting out to make Llantwit Major a dementia friendly town through offering support and training to residents, businesses and community groups.

Barry RNLI MAYDAY!
COME along and see us on the promenade at Barry Island and help #savelivesatsea!

Fun for all the family on Sunday, May 12 from 11am – 5pm; free entry with eco-friendly stalls, games, food, choir, brass band, and an exercise by the Barry Lifeboat.

Try paddle boarding or sea rowing! Meet some of the RNLI crew and our mascot Stormy Stan - an

event not to be missed!

Plant sale
LLANMAES village host their annual Plant Sale in the village hall on Sunday, May 12 from 11am to 3pm.

A variety of bedding plants, shrubs, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and vegetables at competitive prices; delicious cream teas and raffle.

Plant donations gratefully received - contact Jackie Wright on 07976 698325/01446 796605 or at jackievewright@gmail.com.

Highlight Park cuppa
HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa will be open from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday, May 13 in the Highlight Park Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to take the opportunity to call in, meet new friends and have a pleasant social hour.

Penarth Civic Society
THE society is holding an event on Thursday, May 16 at St Augustine's Hall at 7pm: Dr Jonathan Hicks on 'The Penarth VCs - Wain Pearce and Gibson'.

Military historian and St Cyres School headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks, author of several books on Wales and the First World War, tells the stories behind Penarth's three Victoria Cross winners. Captain Richard Wain won his commanding tanks at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917. Sergeant Samuel Pearce was awarded the VC for bravery in north Russia in 1919. Both of these were awarded posthumously. Wing Commander Guy Gibson won his for leading the famous 'Dambusters' raid in 1943. This is an illustrated talk, free to members, £2 for non-members.

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ONCE again this year, **The GEM** is proud to take part in a week that highlights the contribution made to society by local newspapers.

Readers with good memories will probably remember 'Local Newspaper Week' but this year, the News Media Association (NMA) has announced that the annual event will now be known as 'Journalism Matters' – to highlight the role that local newspapers can play in an increasingly fragmented news agenda.

'Journalism matters' will take place between May 13 and May 19, and will include the Society of Editors Regional Press Awards, at which the annual 'Making a Difference' award for the best local newspaper campaign, as voted for by the public, will be announced.

NMA chairman David Dinsmore, News UK chief operating officer, said: "The role of news media holding power to account is more important now than it ever has been."

"The new Journalism Matters campaign will boldly and unashamedly champion journalism as a force for good in our society."

NMA vice chairman Henry Faure Walker, Newsquest chief executive, added: "Local media is the most trusted source for local news and information; more than three times more trusted than social media."

"As a sector, we must continue to remind all our audiences of the

essential role local news brands play in communities the length and breadth of the UK, and Journalism Matters will provide us with a strong platform to do just that."

So, where does the claim that local media is more trusted come from?

Last year, Yougov carried out a survey where it was revealed that 74 per cent of respondents said they trust the news and information in their local newspaper, whether online or in print.

Local commercial TV and radio stations were only fractionally behind, with a trust level of 73 per cent, while information from search engines and other websites is trusted by 43 per cent and 39 per cent of people respectively.

Social media came bottom in the poll with just 22 per cent of the 2,131 UK adults surveyed online agreeing they trusted the news and information they see on sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Of course, the existence of fake news is no surprise. Everyone knows about it and everyone looks out for it – don't they?

Well, perhaps they do, but the danger is when that 'fake news' happens to reinforce what the reader believed already.

Gradually, readers find that more and more news that comforts and reassures their established outlook finds its way to their social media.

Crucially, less and less arrives that challenges their world view and 'filter bubbles' – as



As well as covering the local stories that matter to our readers the most, The GEM is also keen to support the local community - pictured here at the Bro Radio Community Awards, The GEM sponsored the Making a Difference Through Business award, which was presented to Tony Hopkins (centre) of High Street Traders.

they are now known – are created.

Over the last five years, the creation of these filter bubbles has led to bigger and bigger divisions in society.

Putting it simply, a social media news fan will say: "You are in a filter bubble, whereas I happen to have well-informed friends."

We live in a world where fake news travels around the world in a few minutes.

Worse still, when that news, over the course of a few days, is revealed to be fake, it doesn't disappear for good. Instead, it will often lie low for months until a new social media reader comes across it, likes what he/she sees, and shares it around the world all over again.

What can local journalism do to counteract the the social media behemoths?

Well, the truth is, not a massive amount on our own, but we can act as a filter – separating the opinions that correspondents hold from the (sometimes) dubious

facts that they offer to support those opinions.

It's not easy, and we take a fair bit of flak for it, but we do our best.

Local journalists, including our colleagues on the Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) try to suppress their own opinions and offer instead a straightforward account of what is happening in your area.

Do you want to know what is going on at your council? With local planning applications? We will do our best to bring you the facts as simply as possible. Once those facts are out there, then we welcome people's reaction to those facts – reactions from politicians and campaigners but, especially from 'ordinary' people.

We may not always succeed in doing this, but we try.

We also try, in our old-fashioned way, to keep disagreements between correspondents civil, without unpleasant personal insults. That's getting to be difficult

social glue of a decent and caring society.

WI reports, ramblers' groups, sports reports, local history, local fauna and flora, choirs, groups that work to help others less fortunate, volunteers who keep so many things that we value in society ticking over – we are happy to report on them all.

In a world where the news is often bad and getting worse, where chaos and confusion and natural disasters happen every day – not close to you but somewhere, local newspapers can remind people that the world isn't necessarily going to hell in a hand cart.

There are still many good people out there doing good things.

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Awards evening celebrates good citizens!



The Mayor presenting a citizen of the year award to Kate Thomas.

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council recently held its Citizens Award event in the Bear Hotel - an evening aiming to acknowledge the contribution of local people to the town in a variety of areas.

The award categories were: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Senior Sports Personality of the Year; Service to the Community; The Mayor's award; Honorary Citizenship Award.

A Citizen of the Year award went to Kate Thomas, the chairman of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, for her work in promoting the town.

The citation read: "The Christmas lights in the High Street are almost solely down to her single-minded efforts to overcome a variety of obstacles."

"Also, it was her initiative to enter the National High Street competition, where the town was successful in winning the 'Rising Star' award."

Richard Browning and his wife Judy jointly received a Citizen of the Year award, recognising their work on the Old Hall Gardens project, and also for their church.

The citation thanked him for putting to use his extensive horticultural knowledge - he was

a lecturer at Pencoed College - to good use in "transforming the landscape".

He was praised for managing the Work Party, giving each member something worthwhile and interesting to do.

The citation praised Judy for her work supporting the sick and elderly in their homes, and in transporting people to hospital appointments.

As a couple, they have, for many years, trained guide dogs for the blind.

The Young Citizen of the Year award went to Sophie Ellis Hunt for her work in the community, including helping in after school clubs and in a local stables with the pony club.

The Senior Sports Personality of the Year went to Tom Merilaht of Cowbridge Cricket Club.

As was reported last week by the cricket club, Tom has been a stalwart of the club, opening the batting for 11 years now, and last year the 29-year-old had a stellar season, where he and his fellow opening bat, Ben Wright, set a stack of club batting records.

Over 16 games, Tom averaged 154.14, being not out nine times - a remarkable achievement for an opening bat.

A Service to the Community award went to the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club committee: Betty Alden; Sue Edwards; Ann Roach; Olive Rawson



Cllr Gwen Baty presenting an award for citizen of the year jointly to Richard and Judy Browning.



Valerie Ellis accepting the young citizen award on behalf of Sophie Ellis.

and Kay Edwards.

The citation read: "For over 40 years, this dedicated group of volunteers have been holding a 'Monday Club' for adults over 16 years with learning disabilities, once a month."

"They also organise an annual day trip, and an annual evening meal in the Bear Hotel."

A second 'service to the community' award went to the 'Love Cowbridge Hate Litter' group, who organise regular litter picks around the town.

The Honorary Citizenship award went to David Howell, who has organised the Cowbridge and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the past seven years.

The giant poppies that adorn Cowbridge lamp-posts, detailing the history of Cowbridge men who were lost in conflict, were introduced by Mr Howell.



The winners. (ALL PICTURES BY MIKE WILCOCK)



Cllr Leighton Rowlands and Cllr Terry Williams with representatives of the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club.

What's on, and where?

Cowbridge U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Search for My Father; a light-hearted look at Family History' by Sally Mabey at 10am on Thursday, May 16 in Cowbridge Town Hall, in the main hall.

Visitors welcome: there is a small fee. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.

MP's surgery

ARE you living in Vale and need some advice on a local issue?

Alun Cairns MP will hold an advice surgery from 9.30am to 10.30am for his constituents at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton

Road, Barry on Friday, May 17. No appointment is needed; just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Barry War Museum

TWO presentations will take place at the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station on Wednesday, May 15.

From 7pm-7.30pm a brief briefing (imagined) on the situation in south Wales as of May 15 1944: 'The Lead Up to D-Day: Just What's Going On?' by Glenn Booker, chair of Barry At War group.

Then at 8pm - 9pm the story of a US Army Ordnance Company based in south Wales in 1943-1944; their time at G.40 Sully before moving to Cardigan, then on June 6 leaving Cardigan to go

to Normandy. This is by Andrea Sutcliffe from the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA whose father was a member of the 111th Ordnance Company and whose mother was a Welsh GI bride. Andrea comes to Wales from France having traced the course of her father's company from Omaha Beach across France towards Germany.

Free admission, cup of tea provided.

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Good friends and family remember Cowbridge man who was a 'special person'



FAMILY, friends and army colleagues gathered in Cowbridge last weekend to remember Tom 'Pies' Clarke, a special person who, with other brave army personnel, was taken from us on a mission in Afghanistan five years ago.

On Saturday, the group set off to the picturesque Porthcawl area, making several stops to rehydrate. On the Sunday, the same group, with a few sore heads, enjoyed a game of touch rugby on the club field.

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg students shine in public speaking contest

ON April 27, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's public speaking team represented Wales in the English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking competition.

The competition had over 1,200 entrants and the eight teams competed in the UK grand final at Churchill College, Cambridge.

Rhys Griffiths, year-11 pupil and speaker for the YGBM team was awarded 'Outstanding Personality' for the competition. Rhys was accompanied by his team mates, Sara Jones: chair and Morgan Bailey: questioner. He spoke on the topic 'We should lower the voting age to 16'.

The Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza was one of the judges and commented on the speakers' performance by saying: "They were absolutely wonderful. There was passion, there was style, enormous content and structure and I was hugely impressed in the way they marshalled very complex material."

Another judge Susie Fowler-Watts, a journalist with BBC East, added: "The competition was the most impressive yet, and gives me hope and optimism for our country's future."

YGBM sixth form



(Left to right): Rhys Griffiths, Morgan Bailey, Sara Jones.

pupil Huw Jones was the timekeeper for the competition and also presented an opening speech. Huw is a former PSC winner and World Schools Debating Competition Wales team member. This year's winning team were Pate's Grammar School representing the Midland region.

Elena Morgan, the school's English teacher, commented: "YGBM is very proud of our public speaking team reaching the UK grand final. All schools presented to an extremely high standard which made for an exciting competition. Da iawn, Rhys, for winning 'Outstanding Personality' and to the whole team for representing Wales so well."

What's on and where?

Family History talk
THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will take place on Monday, May 20 when Fl. Lt. Robert Taylor will talk about RAF Stormy Down and the Welsh Dam Busters.

The talk will take place at the Len Evans Centre off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RF at 7.30pm; members of the public welcome.

Tax help
ARE you worried about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop run a monthly tax advice surgery available to anyone over the age of 50.

A session will be held on Monday, May 20 from 9.30am-11.30am.

Advice is free and no appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Fibromyalgia support

DO you have fibromyalgia? Maybe you are a carer looking after a loved one and are looking for advice or support groups in local area.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session on Tuesday, May 21 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed; just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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'Mr Sleek' recalls 'emotional pain' that took him to 27 stone!

AFTER losing more than 13 stone, Martin Woodsford of Penarth says that for the first time he is "living the dream" and has a happy relationship and is loving his new career, helping others change their lives for the better too.

At his heaviest, Martin weighed over 27 stone when he was bingeing on take-aways and junk food and up to 10 chocolate bars a day.

He now weighs just over 14 stone, and is helping others lose weight and inspiring others with almost 40,000 followers on Instagram.

Admitting to himself that he had a problem wasn't easy for Martin, who suffered years of abuse as a child and later anorexia, bulimia and depression.

Martin, now 47, said: "Things were pretty grim, I lived in fear every day as a child and was taken into care at the age of 11. As a skinny child being withheld food, I grew up in care and was introduced to fatty foods that I'd never had before and I couldn't get enough

of them!" Before he was taken into care, he was beaten, kicked and even had cigarettes stubbed out on his skin.

Martin was taken from his home in Newport where he wasn't given much to eat and he was eventually put into a residential school for abused children in Chepstow. It gave him a "lifeline of hope".

He said: "To have my clothes I wore on my back to be clean, to sleep in a normal bed with sheets and a duvet instead of a threadbare mattress on a concrete floor with a folded teddy as a pillow and an old coat as my only warmth in the winter months on my bed helped to build my confidence a little."

But Martin's mental health started to suffer as he got older.

"I knew I had to leave the school and would be facing the big bad world all alone with no family and no one to fall back on."

"I felt stranded and tossed out on a limb with no love or support and it was around the same time that I developed bulimia. It was the one and only way I could control anything in my



ABOVE LEFT: Martin before, and ABOVE RIGHT: Martin after.

life. "I felt I would never be able to have a relationship and a family of my own."

Martin said his bulimia got so bad in his early 20s that he was eventually hospitalised after being below 9 stone. Martin is 6'2".

He underwent counselling and was prescribed medication. Later, in his 30s, he developed an eating pattern of binge eating and dieting.

Nothing worked until something happened which made it spiral out of control.

"My ex-partner became pregnant in 2004 with triplets. There were so many complications with the pregnancy, including my son having a grade three brain bleed

and brain swelling.

"It was rewarding because we had our beautiful babies but life-wrenching because you couldn't enjoy all the special things new parents are supposed to enjoy," he said.

"I would have a full Indian take-away but would still eat stuff in my house - anything to binge on. I could eat 10 chocolate bars a day and nothing seemed to make me feel any better."

Martin's relationship later came to an end and he came out as gay in his 40s.

"It was an awful time, but liberating at the same time," he said.

"I felt I would be judged, but I had to do it and be true to myself. All my friends said they

knew before I did, but I really didn't."

"I had counselling a few years ago and the counsellor really helped me understand that I had suppressed being gay because of the abuse I had suffered earlier in my life and with the need to have that perfect family that everyone dreams about."

Martin joined Slimming World in 2014 and lost 13 stone - dropping from 27 stone to just over 14 stone and won Mr Sleek UK.

Martin added: "I've learnt so much with Slimming World. It's not only changed my life, but given me a life I never thought possible helping others to achieve their dreams too."

Martin is now an award-winning Slimming World consultant and team developer.

Martin also runs his own groups, on Mondays at Elfed Avenue United Church in Penarth at 5.30pm and 7.30pm, and on Saturday mornings at Colcot Community Centre in Barry at 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

For more information, call 07444 374377 or follow Martin on Instagram at mr_slimmingworld.

Knights celebrating 25 years in Barry

KNIGHTS Estate Agents is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Barry.

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Over the last 12 months Knights have sold 97 per cent of their housing stock for full asking price, and they are one of the leading letting agents in the area.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the team at Knights are inviting all clients, past, present and future, to a coffee morning in their sales office at 11am on Thursday, May 16.

Complimentary tea, coffee and cake will be



provided, and they will also be holding a charity raffle in aid of the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale Hospice in Penarth.

"We want to give something back to the community which has

supported us, so everyone is invited to join the celebration," said Carey. "The last 25 years have been fantastic, and we are expecting the next 25 years to be even better."

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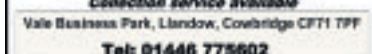
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Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Llandow on Friday, 17th May at 11.30am, followed by private interment in the churchyard.

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BUMFORD**Alan**

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Alan will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Alan is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his funeral service on Wednesday, 15th May at 1pm at A.G. Adams Chapel, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Alan, may be made to British Heart Foundation.

WAITE**Joyce Vera**

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BELL**Joyce Nancy**

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STEELE**Avril**

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BOWSHER**Malcolm Clifford**

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Mal was a larger than life character who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Acknowledgements

LEWIS**Cliff**

Catherine, Craig and Charlene would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support received on the passing of Cliff.

Special thanks to Canon Pat O'Gorman for a lovely service. Also, thanks to Lyndsay Ellis and staff at The Vale Funeral service for their care and for all the donations received for charity.

BOWEN**Malcolm John**

The family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support on the sad passing of Malcolm.

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First up the under-14s took on Pencoed Boys & Girls Club in what proved to be a thriller of a cup final.

Barry had recently secured the league title but they missed out on a cup competition last season with an extra-time defeat to the same opposition in the League Cup, so there was plenty riding on this fixture.

Barry took an early first half lead when Emilie John finished off a good move before calmly slotting past the goalkeeper but the lead lasted just 10 minutes as Pencoed equalised with a shot from the edge of the area going in off the post.

The score remained 1-1 at the break which was a fair reflection of the first period. However Barry came racing out of the blocks in the second half and put Pencoed under severe pressure which finally told when John once again found space following a great passage of play to put Barry back in front.

John was to have a memorable day, sealing her hat-trick just minutes later, rounding the keeper to put Barry into a 3-1 lead.

Just as it looked Barry had moved out of sight, Pencoed rallied and stunned Barry with two quick fire goals to make it 3-3.

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The under-14s team.

Mulenga swivelled and stuck a looping shot over the goalkeeper to give Barry a 4-3 win in the last minute of the game.

In the under-16 final Barry took on Cardiff City Ladies for the second year in succession.

The Vale-based club took control and scored after seven minutes when Ella Hilliard struck a measured left foot shot into the corner of the net.

Barry doubled their lead 12 minutes later when an in-swinging corner from Hilliard deflected off a Cardiff defender and spun into the net to make it 2-0. Captain Caitlin Meadows made it 3-0 before half-time with a well-timed header from another Hilliard corner to give Barry a commanding lead.

The second half followed a similar pattern and Taite Trivett got in on the act to make it 4-0 to Barry with a calm finish.

Hilliard was involved yet again for Barry's fifth goal, striking home a well-placed shot to make it 5-0 and there was time for one more as substitute Elen Matthews netted late on to round off a 6-0 win for Barry and complete and excellent overall team performance.

Barry Town Ladies went into their cup final against Merthyr Town looking to retain the trophy that they won for the first time the previous season.

This also turned out to be a highly entertaining final with Barry going into the game as favourites against a Merthyr side who possess a strong attacking line-up.

Barry made the first breakthrough as Charlotte Preen won possession and laid the ball off to Ellen Phillips whose perfectly-weighted through ball found Sian Rees, who raced through on goal before slotting past the goalkeeper to make it 1-0.

The score remained 1-0 at the break, but the second half proved to be a rollercoaster as the game came to life just two minutes into the second period.

A misplaced pass from the Barry midfield found Isabelle Kaler who raced through to score a well-taken goal to get Merthyr on level terms.

Not long after, Barry restored their lead, through a fabulous free kick from Preen which went over the goalkeeper.

However, once more Barry's lead was

shortlived as Merthyr responded for a second time to make it 2-2.

The game was in the balance with 15 minutes to go but a tactical switch saw Deacon move into a striker role alongside Rees, which turned the game back in Barry's favour.

Firstly a great through ball from Rees found Deacon who rounded the keeper and laid the ball off to Preen to finish off a great move to make it 3-2, and then, with little time remaining, Barry secured the win as another through ball from Rees found Deacon one on one with the goalkeeper and she placed the ball into the net to make it 4-2 and give Barry a deserved win in what proved to be an excellent final.

After the game, manager Luke Williams commented: "This is a great day not just for the ladies but the club as a whole. We are making excellent progress and I believe the best is yet to come and this is just the start of what we are developing for the next few years."

LW

Vale Cricket Club start the season with a pair of wins

WITH the new start time of 12.30pm, Vale CC firsts on the road early as they travelled to Usk in order to play Monkswood.

Vale expected a tough fixture from a team that had finished right behind Vale in last year's table.

New first team captain Brendan McCay won the toss and elected to bowl. Openers Darren Upham and Joe Hodges got to work on a track that took considerable pace off the bowling.

Hodges (2-4) took the first of his two wickets thanks to a well-taken catch from Richie Humphreys who waited a long time under the high ball as it swirled in the wind.

Hodges' second wicket came in the fourth over as he bowled Monkswood's captain M Jones (8). Upham (2-29) then got in on the wicket taking action by removing the dangerous M Watkins (14) as he gloved one behind to keeper Harry Withers.

Upham's consistent and nagging line proved difficult for the Monkswood batsman as they looked for ways to score off his bowling, leading to his second wicket, caught by captain Brendan McCay at mid on.

The next bowling partnership of Sean Rowlands (3-41) and Alex Upham (1-45) saw Monkswood open up as their accelerators and big hitters entered the crease.

Rowlands maintained his consistent line and length, refusing to be put off by the aggressive intentions of the batsmen as he bowled one and had two caught in the field by Joe Hodges (catching J Weller who top scored

with 27) with Richie Humphreys catching Sean's third wicket.

Alex Upham then got in on the action removing A Malson (24) as he too was caught behind by keeper Harry Withers.

The final wicket was claimed by Dean Oram who took a straight-forward catch off his own bowling. Vale looked good and backed up some good bowling with solid fielding, taking their chances when they came restricting, Monkswood to 133 all out.

After tea Vale looked to seal victory and signal their intent for the season. It was the turn of Vale openers JP Davies (7) and Alex Upham (20) to put up with the tricky wicket where the ball didn't come onto the bat as you would expect.

JP was the first victim as he was bowled trying to work a ball through the legside. Oram (7) and Upham then put on a further 26 runs before Oram was caught at backward point after a mistimed shot, leaving the score 45-2 after 12 overs.

Upham soon followed after being out lbw, bringing captain McCay (35) and Snelson (37no) to the crease. The two experienced players put on 64 runs together and took the game away from Monkswood.

McCay and Snelson took the total to 110 before McCay was replaced by Steve Hiles (8no) who with Snelson saw Vale over the line with 15 overs to spare.

This was a comprehensive victory for Vale who played well but still have some things to work on for this week's encounter against the recently relegated Barry Athletic who will provide a tough opposition next week in Corntown.

Vale CC would like to thank their hosts Monkswood not only for their excellent tea but also for their sportsmanship and friendly atmosphere - good luck for the rest of the season.

Vale CC seconds welcomed Blaengarw firsts to Corntown in the opening league match of the 2019 season.

After promotion last season and the recent restructuring of the leagues, Vale seconds will play several one-club teams this season in Division 7 of the South East Wales Cricket League.

Blaengarw captain Nicholas Spooner won the coin toss and elected to field first on a very dry and blustery day in Corntown. Vale captain Matthew Thomas opened the batting along with Gareth Kellend and both batsmen found the opening bowlers Lloyd Chambers and Nicholas Spooner difficult to score against in bowl-er-friendly conditions.

Chambers bowled six overs for 15 runs and Spooner eight overs for 23, picking up one wicket. At the halfway 20-over drinks break, Vale found themselves 75 for 1 having lost the wicket of Kellend early on.

Thomas and veteran Mark Francis batted assertively together, putting on a stand of 102 before Francis fell caught and mid-on for 32 in the 26th over.

In came Vale debutant Ian Clewley at No 4 with 14 overs to go. Clewley quickly settled, hitting several boundaries and eventually finishing with an unbeaten 52 not out.

Thomas shared his second century partnership of the day with Clewley, this partnership worth 135 runs in just 14 overs. Thomas was bowled out with a well-disguised slower ball by the combative Gregory Sinnott

HW

Holton Road lift cup to achieve treble

ON a sunny Saturday evening at the Kymo Stadium, Bridgend, for the first time in the South Wales Intermediate Cup history two teams from the Vale Leagues faced each other in the final, Holton Road AFC and The Tynewydd FC.

As expected, it was a close encounter with Holton eventually winning the match 2-0 thanks to goals from Mondo (with another screamer) and Shaun Jachontow sealing the victory late on after some great wing play from man of the match Travell Konten.

The win fittingly finished an incredible season with Holton winning an historic treble and coach Jeff Howells said: "I'd like to thank our supporters, especially the youngsters, Stu, Carl, Mike and Abi who have backed us behind the scenes doing the unseen work, our sponsors and my coaches Emlyn and Matt."

"I'd also like to say a big thank you to Tynewydd FC for their very kind gesture before Saturday's final in giving a donation to the #livinginthenow campaign and thank everyone who has donated towards my upcoming Skydive on May 19."

JH

Barrivale Bridge Club latest

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on April 30 are as follows:

Joint first place: Peter Millar and Jane Brook, and Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah with 57.08 per cent. Second place: Kay Dyer and Dave Thomas 56.67. Lyn Matthews and Sue Jones won the handicap.

As always, new members at the club are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or

01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Currently, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play, and Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30 - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP (the waterfront).

Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End Runaways 8, Rhoeuse Social 7; Moors Boys 11, West End 4; Liberals 6, Cadoxton Cons 9.

Final table: Rhoeuse Social 199, Liberals 188, Wyndham Cons 183, West End Runaways 180, Cadoxton Cons 176, Moors Boys 168, West End 166.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 2, Rhoeuse Social B 5; Liberals A 2, King William XII 5; Cambrian Flyers 2.5, Allsorts 4.5; Rhoeuse Social A 5.5, Rhoeusers 1.5; West End C 4.5, Sea View Exiles 2.5; West End D 2, Barries Boys 5; Rugby Club 2, Barry Town FC 5; Rhoeuse Social C 6, Liberals C 1.

League table: Sea View Exiles 134.5, West End D 134.5, West End C 126.5, Allsorts 118.5, Rhoeuse Social C 112.0, Barry Town FC 110.0, Rhoeusers 108.0, King William XII 107.5, Rugby Club 102.0, Slammers 95.0, Rhoeuse Social A 91.0, Barries Boys 88.0, Rhoeuse Social B 79.5, Liberals C 77.5, Liberals A 67.0, Cambrian Flyers 51.5.

SNOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhoeuse Social B 3, Cadoxton Wildcats 2; Harbour B 2, Cadoxton Cons Z 3; Market Street B 0, Liberators 5; Wyndham Cons A 1, Savoy A 4; Cadoxton Cons B 4, Penarth Cons A 1.

League table: West End C 102, Savoy A 95, Harbour B 89, Wyndham Cons A 79, Cadoxton Cons B 74, Cadoxton Cons Z 74, Penarth Cons A 59, Rhoeuse Social B 49, Cadoxton Wildcats 47, *Liberators 47, Market Street B 38.

SNOKER DIVISION 2:

West End A 3, Penarth Cons B 2; Savoy B 5, West End B 0; Wyndham Cons D 1, Market Street C 4; Services Social B 2, Rhoeuse Social C 3.

League table: Savoy B 90, Rhoeuse Social C 82, Penarth Cons B 76, Cadoxton Cons A 74, Market Street C 74, *Services Social B 74, Wyndham Cons D 64, Harbour A 61, West End A 56, Sully Sports A 50, West End B 42 (* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Penarth Bowls Club news

PENARTH Bowls Club's first home fixture was a tough encounter with Barry Athletic, and was also the first game of the Carruthers.

The game was made even more of a challenge with high and blustery winds causing problems all afternoon. Barry mastered the conditions much better to run out winners on three rinks by an overall margin of 25 shots, 63-88, with Colin Grant's rink being the only home rink to squeeze out a victory, 16-14.

The following Saturday saw Penarth travel across the city to Mackintosh in a PG1 fixture. With the green showing some improvement on previous years, Penarth settled early and edged in to a 22-17 lead.

They never lost the advantage, even the home side were always battling away. In the end a win for Penarth on all four rinks gave an encouraging and valuable start to the PG campaign, the final score being 85-60 in Penarth's favour.

Clive Fry's rink of Phil Davies, Jack Bealand and Paul Church took the plaudits running out winners by 26-13 with Nick Chandler (16-13), Tony Holmes (20-15) and Colin Grant (23-19) completing an excellent result.

The PG2 side led by John Whitfield, started their campaign really well with two convincing victories.

Penarth Windsor were first to be put to the sword on their own green, with a result of 88-63 to the Rectory boys.

An excellent performance by the rink of Nick Thomas, Bob Lewis, Brian Chandler and Neil Gaskell registered a win, 29-14, Brian Brennan and his rink of Derrick Blainey, Don Shirley and Dave Holdaway won 30-8.

The other two rinks narrowly lost but bowled well to ensure the result was a superb 10 point haul.

Ely Valley visited Penarth for the next PG2 game and arrived three short, resulting in them playing with three bowlers on three rinks.

NL

John and his team were not phased by this and set about racking up a great win by 80 shots to 63. Three rinks were successful giving the team a 12-2 points haul.

The win can almost certainly be attributed to the amazing recovery engineered by the Haydn Trow, John Whitfield, Alex Forsyth and Peter Needham rink, who after 11 ends were 17-0 down. The whole rink then fought back to lead 20-19 going into the last end, but were foiled by dropping a three and losing by two shots on the card, but with the adjustment ended up winning by 3.5 shots.

The ladies section, led by captain Chris Davies, also has achieved a very satisfactory start to their evening league endeavours.

Both rinks had overwhelming wins at Roath Park securing maximum points. Captain Chris, Jayne Edwards, Kath Jenkins and Belinda Price sprinted to a 10-1 lead after five ends and never lost the advantage. A solid display of accurate bowling produced the final result of a 30-8 win.

Not to be outdone, Christina Church, Jill Gaskell, Sue Croll and Wendy Grant went one better domineering the game from the fourth end with Roath not scoring thereafter.

Some special bowling by all four produced a scintillating 33-4 win, so a 63-12 win overall augurs well for the rest of these fixtures.

Not so good was the result of the friendly with near-neighbours Windsor, when a somewhat weakened side went down on three rinks to a very strong consistent Windsor team.

A loss by 39-66 does not, however reflect the effort and enthusiasm of Chris and her team, especially the several new bowlers playing their first competitive game.

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Sports bowlers in action

SULLY Sports Bowls Club travelled the short distance to Penarth Windsor for a friendly on May 1.

The game was played in the best of spirits and very, very close on three rinks, but in the end the Windsor triumphed on three rinks, with the fourth ending up a draw.

K Aguis' rink led for the first six ends, and never managed to get back in front again, and although taking five shots on the final two ends, it wasn't enough and they went down by three shots.

Lee Romans' rink took the lead on the fifth end, led by seven shots after the 10th, lost the lead on the 15th, regained it on the penultimate end only for the home rink to score two shots on the last and clinch a one shot win.

Bob Matthews' rink led early on and at the halfway point were a shot up, but a very strong final nine ends saw the home rink power to a comfortable 13 shot win.

G Brown's rink was so closely contested, with the lead changing hands eight times, before a dramatic last few ends resulted in an honourable draw.

Rink scores: M Stafford, D Davies, G Currie, G Brown 13-13; B Knight, D Austin, P Holland, R Matthews 9-22; A Fitt, J Harries,

C Coomber, L Romans 15-21; D Burbridge, K Romans, A Collard, K Agius 15-18. Man of the match: Alan Collard.

On May 4, the Sports made another short journey for their friendly against the Murch.

The Sports gained their first victory of the season by 68-54, but honours were somewhat even as both sides registered wins on two rinks.

Although the scores were always close, K Aguis' rink led for most of the game and led by a shot with three ends left, but some terrific home bowls saw the Murch rink score nine shots and pinch victory from the jaws of defeat.

The scores were even after six ends on K Romans' rink, but a four on the seventh for the Murch gave them a lead that they desperately defended for the rest of the game, and despite the Sports winning the last three ends, it was by a shot each time, and the gap was big enough to give the home rink victory.

On C Coomber's rink the lead changed hands four times in the first 12 ends, at which point the home rink were four shots ahead; but the Sports rallied to win the next five ends, and although losing the last by a shot, to record a four shot win.

G Brown's rink put in the performance of the day, only losing four ends, and scoring nine shots on the final three ends put the icing on the cake ensuring an overall aggregate win for the Sports.

Rink scores: A Thompson, D Davies, G Currie, G Brown 27-05; B Knight, D Austin, B Whyman, K Agius 12-20; A Fitt, P Collier, L Adams, K Romans 12-16; P Holland, J Pearce, A Collard, C Coomber 17-13. Man of the match: Gerry Currie.

On Saturday, May 11 Sully Sports start their WBA Carruthers Cup campaign with a home fixture against Bridgend Municipal, and then host Penarth Windsor on May 15 in a Munro Cup game.

It's still not too late for new members to join, who will be most welcome whether experienced players or beginners, just turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland (secretary) on 01446 622490 or Graham Brown (captain) on 01446 737274.

MS

Barry and District Mens Skittles League

ALAN Rosser Cup (Last 16):

Bunker Boys beat Posties; Sea View beat Cavaliers; H Bells beat Park Rangers; 49ers beat Willie Wombles; Merymen beat KP Rejects; Blue Monkey beat Park Lads; Geest beat Royalists; Billy Whizz beat Mighty Dockers.

Gary Mitchell Cup (Last 16):

Abercete beat Exiles; Colcot Boys beat Castle

Boys; BP Breakaways beat Alternatives; Billy Bluebirds beat Hairy Lemons; Ex-Servicemen beat Cannon Balls; Witchill Poachers beat British Rail; Cocoa Nuts beat Tynny Lads; Glenbrook Flyers beat Barry Park B.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

JW

Chip-ins with everything at St Mary's Golf Club

ST Mary's senior section's first outing of the week was a Stableford competition off yellow tee boxes.

The weather was fair and a good field of 35 members turned out for this qualifying event. The shot of the day came at the 230-yard par four 16th hole when veteran campaigner Roy Denton's impressive drive finished pin high just off the green to the right. His lob wedge chip then found the bottom of the cup for that rare bird – an eagle.

Denton's final tally of 39 points would be enough to secure the victory by three shots over second-placed Wayne Newton's 36.

Section captain Dave Hughes completed the

placings on 34 points. Fred Furby and Hugh Williams both made birdie twos by chipping in at the par three seventh and 10th holes respectively.

The section's second competition of the week was a Stableford for teams of three with the best two of the three shots counting at each hole – except for the par threes where all three scores were counted.

The winning team comprised John Legg, Gareth Jones and Fred Evans. In second place were Gordon Martin, Phil Banks and Eddie Fothergill who finished three points clear of the third-placed team of Trefor Jones, Trevor Evans and Norman Lloyd.

NL

International bowls in the Vale

THE eyes of the bowling world will turn to the Vale this weekend as some of the best bowlers in the world will visit Barry in the next two weeks as the 2019 Atlantic Championships, featuring over 200 players from 27 countries, will start this Friday, May 10 at Barry Island.

Barry Athletic are proud to be co-hosting the event along with Windsor Penarth, Dinas Powys and Penylan bowling clubs. The tournament will last 12 days with 10 days of play at Barry Island.

The early matches commence as early as 8.15am on many days, with evening matches starting at 6pm. England, Scotland and South Africa are the main attractions on the opening day at the Athletic.

Play will continue all week, with some days having as many as five sessions.

Barry Athletic Bowls Club has hosted many international matches in its 108 year history, but possibly never anything on this scale, and members of the public are encouraged to come along and see this unique spectacle at close hand.

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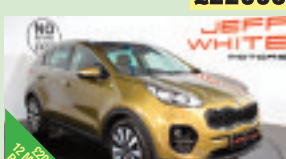
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From left: Adrian Abbott, James Savory, Sam Lazenbury and Mark Eveleigh.

Special Olympic golfers from the Vale battle the elements in Bicester

RECENTLY, four Special Olympics Wales golfers set off for the Special Olympics West Midlands Golf Tournament at Bicester Golf Club.

The golfers took part in a skills session with the golf professional which was enjoyed by all, but the following day the weather took a turn for the worse. First to tee off in the 18-hole division one group was Sam Lazenbury from Barry; in the second group was James Savory (Barry), and the other two golfers, Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) and Mark Eveleigh (Barry)

were in the nine hole competition. While the 18-hole golfers were on the third, the heavens opened. The golfers were asked if they wanted to continue, and they all agreed that they would carry on and look again at the situation after nine holes.

The players did come off the course at that point, but, after a change of clothing, four of the five 18-golfers carried on in the rain but they did get to play the last five holes in dry conditions.

Sam Lazenbury completed the 18 holes with a great round of 87, taking the title with his fellow team mate James Savory coming

in third. Adrian Abbott and Mark Eveleigh received a participation medal as they did not complete the round. They now return to training to prepare for the next competition.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteering, the sports we cover in Special Olympics Cardiff and Vale group are: badminton, indoor bowls, golf, artistic gymnastics, sprint kayaking, 10 pin bowling and swimming. Contact Jeff Savory at specialolympicswales@gmail.com or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

Easter bonnets and a Texas scramble at Cottrell Park



COTTRELL Park ladies celebrated Easter on April 18 with a golf competition and lunch.

Ten teams played a shotgun 12-hole, four-ball Texas scramble on a very pleasant day. After lunch, Tina Morgan, the ladies' captain, presented the competition prizes to the winner of the Winter Eclectic, Lorraine Pointon-Bell, and the winter league, Tessa Matthews, although Tessa was unable to be there for the presentation.

This was followed by the Easter competition, where the winners were Sandra Collin, Cheryl



Hopkins, Margaret Rees and Patricia Haines with 42.14 points, and runners-up Jenny Knott, Elaine Mais, Tina Morgan and Rowena McCartney with

45.07. Nearest the pin was Rusty Fone and nearest the line was Tina Morgan, with Marian Hale second.

There was a fun Easter bonnet

competition which everyone enjoyed, with some very attractive bonnets. First prize went to Cheryl Hopkins with a very large and beautifully decorated bonnet, second was Regina Drew.

Angela Padfield provided the table flowers and Cheryl Hopkins made six very lovely Easter baskets as raffle prizes, which the winners were delighted to receive.

Tina Morgan thanked everyone for attending and hoped they had enjoyed the day.

Lorraine Pointon-Bell thanked Tina for all her hard work and organisation.

CB

Farmers enjoy a great day of golf in the valleys



Winning golfers Bryan Wadham, Tom Goldsworthy, sponsor Julian Kelly, Clive Edwards and society captain Clive Thomas.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held at Bargoed Golf Club where 31 members assembled to compete for a range of high-quality prizes supplied by the day's sponsors, Julian Kelly and David Harris, group secretaries of the National Farmers' Union.

Formerly known as the East Glamorgan Golf Club when it first opened in 1910 adjoining Gelligaer common, the condition of the course was exceptionally good, providing society members and their guests with the opportunity of having a most enjoyable

afternoon's golf.

Leading the field at the close of play was Colwinston entrepreneur Clive Edwards, who secured his second win in four months when finishing with 35 stableford points. Runner-up with 32 points was Bryan Wadham, followed in third place by society captain Clive Thomas with 30 points. Charles Vicary, also with 30 points, finished in fourth place. In the guest section, Tom Goldsworthy took first place with 27 points just ahead of his father Marcus, who finished with 25. Tom also collected the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored prize when hitting the longest drive down the nominated fairway.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Ray Thomas, Bryan Wadham, David Williams and John Davies, and Lyn Thomas returned home with a voucher from Picketston Poultry when correctly guessing 24 balls would fail to return home, raising £75 in support of the Kidney Wales Foundation.

The society's next meeting will be the annual medal round competition for the Shrieval Trophy, sponsored by Mark Rees, scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at Newport (Rogerstone) Golf Club.

T.McC

Winning weekend for Barry Community Tennis Club

WHILE Storm Hannah forced the postponement of the first under-9 team tennis fixture of the summer for Barry Community Tennis Club at the weekend, the ladies doubles and under-8 teams were able to launch their campaigns, with both teams travelling to meet their respective opponents, Canton and Llantwit Major.

The under-8 team consisted of Ethan Ashburner (7, Romilly Primary School) and Scott Mickelsen (7, Barry Island Primary School), both of whom have a lot of tennis experience, and they were joined by newcomers Jasper Rodwell (7, Barry Island Primary School) and Piotr Szymanowicz (7, St Helen's Catholic Primary School).

Each player had to play four singles matches and secured an overall victory for the visiting team by 9 matches to 7. Sporting the new junior kit provided by United Carpets Cardiff, the club's youngest members looked professional, had loads of fun and



PICTURED (left to right): Penny Mickelsen, Grace Mickelsen, Claire Mott and Sally Preston.

are looking forward to the rest of the summer season.

The ladies team mother and daughter pair, Penny and Grace Mickelsen, along with Sally Preston and Claire Mott, secured a win of three matches to one over Canton in a very closely fought fixture, with all but one of the matches requiring a deciding third set tie-break.

The club welcomes new members, so whatever your level of experience, check out their social media channels or call at Romilly Park on Tuesday evenings or Sunday mornings to find out more.

PM

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International bowlers are welcomed at Barry Central



Wenvoe Castle Golf Club's new season starts



Club captain Lesley Sherrard (centre) congratulating the winning pair Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens.

Sully Bowling Club are back in action again

AFTER a long winter break, Sully Bowling Club has burst into life with a programme of both social and competitive bowls for all the community.

The first match was an away game to Rhoeose on their outdoor carpet. On a lovely evening, much to our surprise the villagers came away with a win on what is typically a tough fixture.

The local derby against Sully Sports saw the villagers fail to handle the pace – great fun was had, as always on these occasions, and the Sports won on all

rinks. Our second week was lost to the weather with Wednesday rained off and Saturday blown off.

Normal service was resumed this week away to Millwood and away to Romilly. Wednesday saw an improved show in Millwood and a victory was gained, but it was back to basics in Romilly where all rinks went down.

This week sees the villagers entertain Barry Athletic, and then Ely Valley in the first competition game.

TM

THE season opened on April 20 when Mr Stan Smith, club president, played the first wood of the season. This was followed by a short friendly roll up between the ladies and men.

Members have, since then, spent time and energy working at getting the club prepared for the forthcoming season. On April 25 a friendly game took place with the ladies playing the men, which was followed by the ladies' section catering for the men's section.

This last week has seen matches starting to be played. On May 2 the ladies played against Mount Pleasant at home in a Two Rink League match.

Unfortunately after very close matches, both rinks lost 14-16.

May 4 could prove to be one of the highlights of this season at Barry Central.

The club had volunteered to make its facilities available for teams to practice for the World Bowls Atlantic Championships 2019, being played locally between May 10-23.

The club hosted the Zimbabwean players on the Saturday, with the Jersey, Israel and Namibian teams expected on May 7.

The Zimbabwe group arrived at the club at 11am, and spent over two hours practising. During this period they displayed a very high standard of bowling. Lunch was then provided by the club.

Many thanks must go to Dave Goddard, Central men's captain, for organising the entire visit; it was quite obvious that the Zimbabwe group thoroughly enjoyed the

provision of lunch.

During this period, many members of the Central club, both male and female, joined the party. Lunch was followed by matches, rinks and pairs, played between the two groups. Results were irrelevant, it was the friendship displayed by all players of both groups.

The day ended with Barry Central presenting club ties and badges to the Zimbabwe players, who in turn replied by presenting a wall clock and two country pennants. A combined group photograph was taken. Unfortunately, the Central men's next game is not a reverse fixture against Zimbabwe, but is at Rhoeose in the Carruthers Shield competition!

BC

THE new golfing season is well under way at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

Various club competitions have been played since early March and more recently the start of the major tournaments with the opportunity of members getting their names engraved in gold leaf on the various honours boards.

Mixed competitions are very popular and on Easter Monday, there was a large entry for the Ashton Trophy. The course was already in magnificent condition and the players enjoyed glorious weather.

The winners were Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens who posted an excellent score of 39 points. Runners up were Jane Lott and Phil Yee who also scored 39 but just missed out on the narrowest of margins on the count back. The winning pair were congratulated by the new club captain Lesley Sherrard, who thanked

all the competitors for supporting the competition.

The first of the Men's board competitions took place on Sunday and another huge entry turned out for the Celnik Cup. The winner was Graham Robinson who posted a magnificent score of 41 points in quite tricky weather conditions with runner up Joseph Lane recording 38, and third place went to Anthony Hobbs with 36.

The club really appreciates the fine work of head greenkeeper Lucy Sellick and her team who have quickly brought the course up to superb condition after the winter months.

The club also appreciates the efforts of the administration and catering staff and it was with pleasure that club captain Lesley Sherrard took the opportunity to present team member Julie Staples with a fine clock in recognition of 25 years of excellent service with the club.

BJ

PG1 loss for the Windsor bowling team

IT was early season agony for the Windsor men's PG1 team as they lost by just one shot to Llantrisant.

There were rink wins for Flitney, Rees, Stevens and McLeod by 24 to 18 and for Follon, Palfrey, Hope and Hudson by 20 to 19.

Sadly two rinks went down namely Matthews, Thorne, Turnball and Woodcock M 20 to 22 and for Ellard, Gooding, Paterson and Carlisle by 13 shots to 19.

For the PG2 team, there was disappointment at St Fagans. It was a close-fought game but

the Penarth men came up just five shots adrift at the end of the match.

Unfortunately, there was only one winning rink: that of skip Derek Davies with Ellis, Daniel and Lewis C by 27 to 20. The losers on the day were Peregrine, Rogers, Hardess and Coleman 14 to 20. Davies A, Woodcock A, Cucciniello and Latham 18 to 19 and Johnson, Morrish, Hales and Howells by 13 to 18.

There are no matches for this weekend as the men enjoy a week on tour in Torquay.

PM

Chess relegation is now confirmed for the Bosons

THERE was only one match this week for the Barry Chess Club.

However the fate of the Bosons was confirmed when the Pontypridd Phoenix managed to pick up a solitary point against the Cardiff Castles.

In the event that the Bosons pick up five points in their remaining match they can equal the points tally of both Pontypridd teams, but a lower tie break score means the Bosons have been relegated from Division 1.

Our only match was the Gambits away to Rhondda B. We selected a strong team and hoped for a big victory to enhance our promotion

credentials.

A win for Mike O'Leary on top board was followed by an embarrassed Martin Ricketts winning on time as his opponent failed to make his 30th move within the allotted time.

The victory was sealed when Phil Jones managed a rare win with two passed pawns in the end game.

The 3-2 victory for the Gambits moves them up from seventh place to second place in a very tight division. There are still five teams who harbour hopes of joining the Penttyrch C team in Division 3 next season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End

Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barry-chessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones

Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section news

THE latest results from Dinas Powys Golf Club Ladies Section are as follows:

On April 2, 18-hole Stableford: First, Audrey Harwood 37 points; second, Lisa Ryley 32; third, Ann Mahenthalingam 27.

On April 9, 18-hole Stableford: First, Lisa Ryley 32 points; second, Sue Bridle 29; third, Audrey Harwood 28.

On April 23, an 18-hole Challenge Bowls Silver Division: First, Sue Bridle 91-17=74; second, Ann Mahenthalingam 93-13=80.

On April 23, an 18-hole Challenge

Bowls Bronze Division: First, Maxine Hird 91-21=70; second, Samantha Saunders 97-21=76; third, Audrey Harwood 104-26=78.

Also on April 23, a nine-hole Stableford: First, Angela Thomas; second, Pam Warne; third, Terry Unwin.

On April 30, an 18-hole medal 2: First, Maxine Hird 91-21=70; second, Ruth Yates 96-23=73; third, Samantha Saunders 95-21=74.

On April 30, a nine-hole Stableford: First, Pam Warne; second, June Jones; third, Sharon Jesson.

SY

Barry RFC lottery results

BARRY RFC's club lottery rolls over this week to £4,300 after last week's numbers of 03, 07, 08 and 13 failed to produce a winner.

Two tickets claim £10 for matching three numbers.

AJ

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